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Idaho Roadless Commission Meeting

NOTES

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Virtual Meeting – Hosted by OSC via WEBEX

Introductions

Commission Members present: Alan Prouty, Alex Irby, Bill Higgins, Bob Cope, Brad Gilbert, Dan Dinning, Jim Caswell, Billy Barquin, Michael Gibson, Peter Stegner, Elt Hasbrouck, Dale Harris.

Forest Service: Amy Marshall

Idaho State: Jace Hogg, Tara Ball (IDFG),

Others: Mark Kilmer, Mike Hanna, Mitch Silvers.

SECTION I: Welcome and Business Meeting – October 27

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome, did introductions. _____ present

Review/Approve 10/27 and 10/28 2020 notes:

- Motion to approve 10/27 and 10/28 notes. Billy Barquin motioned. Oppenhiemer seconded.

Annual Report/State Update:

- Annual Report was submitted to both the House and Senate Natural resource committees, no feedback. The state removed the sunset clause on the Federalism committees, federal lands a permanent subcommittee (see if anything noteworthy was discussed on that), Roadless budget was at $15,000 – charged some of my time on there as well as printing/mailing costs for the packets.

Reinventory/Theme Change:

- Leanne Marten/ Mary Farnsworth – they have concerns about scale of reinventory, but all agreed that getting a small committee together of commissioners and USFS to look into how to accomplish this task.

Roadless Legislation Update:

- Michael Gibson gives national roadless rule update.

Substantially Altered:

- Jim and Forest Supervisors – Bill Higgins – don't have the definition be vegetation conditioned based, base off of road density and trails and major landform/geologic changes.
- Mary – get together another small group to get to the bottom of this issue
- Leanne – There are current lawsuits that could benefit from having a clear definition of what sub alt means.
- Chuck Mark – lets have a more focused conversation with sideboards that way this group can come up with a realistic timely solution.
- Jim- Can the same group of people talk about sub alt and reinventory? Foresters – possibly. Amy will coordinate.

Prescribed Fire Update:

- Tim Garcia - Landscape Level Rx Fire – all moving from CE's to EA on Salmon and Targhee.
- Jim – USFS will be evaluating NEPA over time, but how to track when and where these specific Rx fire projects happen post NEPA, especially when tracking inside Roadless projects with database/get to roadless coordinator?
    - Chris Moyer - but the burn plans are more time/location specific and engage local community. No public comment. What is a suitable timeline from project on the ground to the roadless database? Every 6 months, by each commission meeting? Chris says project specific information would be able be pulled easily in that timeframe.
- Jon – forest planning is on 20 year timeframe.

USFS Updates (NEPA):

- Amy Marshall – NEPA regulations revised Nov 2020
- 36 CFR 220 – revised CE special uses, infrastructure, restoration. Clarification of termination of NEPA adequacy, timelines. Currently under litigation.
- Jon – Requests for time extensions on projects/plans? Amy – Forest would submit request to Department level
- Bill Gilbert – Does this change what projects that USFS can undertake? No

Section II: Project Updates and New Projects

Non-Timber, Roads or Minerals Small Projects

The following Table provides a summary of new small projects that have ***no tree cutting, road construction/reconstruction, or mineral activities***. Projects that include any of these activities are addressed individually below the table.

Discussion

- Amy presented.
  - PNF – Cuddy Mountain – no comment
  - PNF – French Creek – no comment
  - PNF – Rugged Ridge Outfitters Permit Modification – no comment
  - PNF – Rapid River – No comment
  - IPNF – North Zone Upper Priest Restroom Replacement – None
  - SNF – NRA – outfitter and guide program management plan – None
  - SNF – Badger Post Fire Management PEA – None
  - NCLNF – Whitebark Pine planting – None
  - SCNF – Sawmill Canyon Trail Maintenance - None

Public Comment: None

Individual Projects by Forest:

Following are the generally larger, individual projects. These projects may or may not require the use of an exception under the Idaho Roadless Rule.

(Since we were running ahead of schedule, Payette folks weren't on yet so Caribou Targhee presented first – see notes below).

Payette National Forest

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<tr><td colspan="3">Project: Brush Mountain Ecosystem Maintenance Burning</td></tr>
<tr><td>District: New Meadows</td><td colspan="2">Roadless Area: Rapid River</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Status: Scoping</td><td rowspan="2">Table Location: Table 2</td><td>Project Lead: Erin Phelps</td></tr>
<tr><td>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to enhance wildlife habitat and forest stand structure and resiliency in order to provide a more holistic, landscape-scale level treatment across ownership boundaries.
This project is needed to:
• Enhance wildlife habitat, with an emphasis on elk spring, summer, and fall range through the creation and maintenance of a landscape scale mosaic of fire maintained</td></tr>
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coniferous forests.
• Reduce the quantity of small-diameter trees that can out-compete herbaceous ground cover for nutrients, water, and sunlight, diminishing wildlife forage potential, and increase the potential for uncharacteristic and undesirable wildland fire.
• Maintain and promote large tree forest structure, early seral species composition (e.g., aspen, western larch, ponderosa pine, and Douglas-fir) and forest resiliency for improved habitat of the white-headed woodpecker, and northern goshawk.
• Move forest structures within northern Idaho ground squirrel colonies towards open timber stands dominated by large-diameter trees.
Timeline: Scoping – April 2021; Decision – September 2021. (Project is anticipated to be analyzed as a categorical exclusion so there would not an additional comment period on the environmental analysis).

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes: XX*** ***Exception:***	***No***

Commission Discussion: Jon – when do you decide to do a CE vs. an EA for a landscape level burn? Erin – its tied not to acreage but to the effects of the project, the NEPA level may change

Action Requested: None

Project: Stibnite Gold

District: Krassel	***Roadless Area:*** Burnt Log, Black Lake, Meadow Creek, Caton Lake, Horse Heaven	
Status: Conducting Analysis	***Table Location:*** Table 2	***Project Lead:*** Sitka Pence sitka.pence@usda.gov
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Project Summary: Follow Up Requested Clarifications from October 2020 Meeting:
Proposed Burnt Log Route
The proposed Burnt Log route would support mining operations conducted pursuant to the 1872 Mining Law, and is a valid existing right, which are exempt to the prohibition on road construction and reconstruction under the Idaho Roadless Rule (36 CFR 294.23(b)(1)(iii) and 294.25(b)).
This route is proposed to be constructed solely for mining purposes and decommissioned when it is no longer needed for mining purposes (36 CFR 294.25(e)(4)). An approved plan of operations would meet the exception for written Forest Service authorization under 36 CFR 261.13(h) by including a provision in the mine plan for public use of the Burnt Log route when public road access is blocked through the site by mining operations.
The anticipated public use of the proposed Burnt Log route would be incidental to mining operations and therefore part of the statutory right under the 1872 Mining Law.
Proposed Off-Highway Vehicle Route Horse Heaven/Powerline to Meadow Creek Lookout (alternatives 1 and 2)
This proposed route was titled a "TOV" in unpublished versions of the draft environmental impact statement and was incorrectly applied to alternative 2. Originally proposed by the proponent (alternative 1), this route was designed to provide public access to Meadow Creek Lookout from the Yellow Pine area without having to drive along the Johnson Creek road to

the proposed Burnt Log route. Alternative 2 proposed to allow access around the mine site, thus making the need for the OHV route to Meadow Creek unneeded. Additionally, the recently submitted modification to the proposed action does not propose to build the Proposed Off-Highway Vehicle Route Horse Heaven/Powerline to Meadow Creek Lookout.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes - XX*** ***Exception:*** _294.23(b)(iii); 294.24(c)(vii)__	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Jon – Changes to burntlog admin access and issue of public use while the route will not be considered part of the travel management plan? Sitka – No change, ROD will specify what public use consists of. Gibson – does the mod pro 2 trigger a supplemental EIS? Sitka – that decision is still being considered. Jon – are additional geophysical investigations in Roadless areas being carried out? Sitka – No, that is occurring in Boise NF.		
Action Requested:		

Project: Big Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project		
District: Krassel	***Roadless Area:*** Big Creek Fringe, Placer Creek, Smith Creek, Cottontail Point/Pilot Peak, and Secesh.	
Status: Final Decision awaiting completion of ESA consultation	***Table Location:*** Table 2 (NEW)	***Project Lead:*** Patrick Schon ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: **1. Road Construction/Reconstruction:** Yes; Less than 1 mile of temporary road could be constructed to facilitate equipment access and product removal and would be reclaimed after vegetation management treatments were completed. **2. Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:** Yes; it is unknown at this time the acreage or method of removal for commercial products. This is the proposed treatment at time of scoping: • Approximately 1,663 acres of mechanical treatments consisting of commercial and noncommercial thinning, using tractor, jammer or skyline systems, or mastication. • Approximately 862 acres of non-commercial thinning within Riparian Conservation Areas using hand treatments and pile burning **3. Discretionary Minerals:** No, there is no mineral activity associated with this project. **4. Modification or Correction:** Yes; the number of acres has changed		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes –*** ***Exception:*** 294.24(B)(1)(iii), 294.24(c)(1)(i)	***No***
Commission Discussion: Decision signed last week (5/3/2021) – Dave Hogen. Jon – is this first commercial harvest within Primitive? Harvest to benefit prescribed fire holding line.		

Action Requested: None.

Project: Rapid River Travel Management		
District: New Meadows	***Roadless Area:*** Rapid River.	
Status: Under analysis; draft decision anticipated summer 2021 – June 2021 draft FONSI, Fall 2021 signed decision.	***Table Location:*** Table 2 (NEW)	***Project Lead:*** Erin Phelps ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Reconcile differences between management direction for motorized and mechanized equipment within the WSR river corridor. Proposal is to classify all trails within Wild river corridor as non-motorized and non-mechanized and to conduct further analysis on trails outside the corridor but within IRA. A small number of trees may need to be cut for trail work.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes –*** ***Exception:*** 294.24(a)(2)	***No***
Commission Discussion: Jon Oppenheimer – is the timber cutting the same amount across all alternatives? Erin – some turnarounds (187 and 183) are already fairly open and may not need timber removal. Jon – can we get an update next meeting on the status of all the landscape level burning projects? Erin - Yes		
Action Requested: None.		

Motion to bring status update Rapid River, Stibnite, general landscape burning updates back.

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Project: East Palisades Hazardous Fuels Reduction		
District: Palisades	***Roadless Area:*** Palisades	
Status: No updates. The project has been on hold while district staff focuses on completion of other priority projects. Project is in the initial planning phase with treatments proposed within the Backcountry/Restoration, Forest Plan Special Area and Wild Land Recreation IRA Management Themes. Scoping is expected in fall	***Table Location:*** Table 2	***Project Lead:*** Deb Flowers ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***

2021.		
Project Summary: Hazardous fuels reduction on 3435 acres within IRA. Approximately 3000 acres are prescribed burn. Fire lines constructed in WLR theme under "incidental to" exception on an estimated 187 acres. Group selection (regen) on about 167 acres (no reserve trees) and thinning on 224 acres, both in BCR. Up to 3 miles of temporary road construction in BCR. Requires easement through private property for access. Scoping: October 2021 Comment Period: October 2021 Decision Memo: February 2022		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X_____*** ***Exception:*** _294.23(b)(2)(i-iii); 294.23(d)(2); 294.24(a)(2); 294.24(c)(i, ii, v)_	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Barquin - Issue with distinction with WUI and CPZ. Deb Flowers – steep terrain qualifies the boundary at 1.5 miles based on proximity to human structures, all project activities take place within that 1.5 mile boundary. Jim – you can go outside of CPZ boundary if its needed to protect the community/structures. Deb – thanks for that point, we will keep that in mind.		
Action Requested:		

Project: Graham Hollow Juniper Treatment		
District: Montpelier	***Roadless Area:*** Multiple?	
Status: Preparing to scope. No updates. Implementation = Fall 2021	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Chase Scheffler ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Lop and scatter juniper on approximately 1382 acres. Using hand tools. Access is from existing roads and trails. No commercial.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes - XX*** ***Exception:*** 294.24 (c) (1) (vii)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Wayne Beck – current analysis for fuel loads happening, scope late this summer/early fall. NEPA = fall 2021, implementation early spring.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: South Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction		
District: Teton Basin	***Roadless Area:*** Garns Mountain and Palisades	
Status: Scoping occurred March 2020. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is now being prepared to evaluate the effects of the project.	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Deb Flowers ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***

Project Summary: Commercial thin (to average 50 square feet basal area) approximately 57 acres in BCR theme and 554 acres in FPSA theme (Wild and Scenic River Corridor) to reduce fuels and restore aspen stands. Prescribe burn approximately 2361 acres – conifers will be cut and scattered where necessary to facilitate prescribed burn. Up to 15 miles of fireline (30-200 feet wide) may be constructed within the IRA to contain the burn. Trees may need to be cut to construct the fireline. Approximately 2.5 miles of temporary road construction may be needed to access commercial thin units. Scoping was completed on the project, with the intent of evaluating the project as a HFRA Section 605 CE. However, after evaluating the comments received and reviewing issues raised in similar projects the Caribou-Targhee NF has decided to analyze the project through an EA/FONSI. Scoping: March 2020 Objection period: June 2021 Decision Notice: October 2021		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes – X X*** ***Exception:*** 294.23(2)(I,ii,iii); 294.24 (1) (c) (i, ii, iii)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Jay Pence – Draft decision should be out this week/ this month. Jon – to clarify, there is no Wild and Scenic River, it is a Forest Plan special area only. Jay - There are no scenic rivers in it.		
Action Requested:		

Project: Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration Project		
District: Caribou Portion of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Montpelier, Soda Springs, & Westside Ranger Districts	***Roadless Area:*** 20 Roadless Areas. See Table 2.	
Status: The project was scoped in October of 2020.	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Dylan Johnson ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: The Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration Project is proposing to use prescribed fire within the twenty two burn blocks that are strategically place across the Caribou portion of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Within the burn blocks, the specific locations for prescribed fire have not been identified at this time. Using the current knowledge of vegetation and habitat conditions, the Caribou National Forest would identify specific areas for treatment. The degree of departure between the existing condition and the desired condition (described in the 2003 Caribou Revised Forest Plan) will be the part of the selection process for prescribed fire treatment areas, along with other considerations for resources and implementation, including compliance with forest plan direction for each burn area. Within the burn blocks, we are proposing to authorize prescribed burning up to 6,000 acres annually to meet the need identified above. Prescribed fire will only be applied to 30 to 50% of the burn block acreage. The actual acres of burning each year will be dependent upon budget, capacity, and availability of burn windows. Timeline: EA 30-day public comment period in July 2021, Final EA and Draft Decision/45-day objection period in October 2021.		

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes -*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Rob Mickelsen – scoping document is pretty much draft EA. Program of work next 15 to 20 years. Jim – as Q as earlier, how does the Roadless commission track the implementation of these individual burns? Rob Mickelsen – The public wants to know how they will be updated on these burns annually, something the Forest is working on figuring out. Michael Gibson – public memory doesn't last 20 years, the forest needs to do follow up to keep people informed and engaged on this so keep NEPA relevant.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Bear Lake West Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Restoration		
District: Montpelier	***Roadless Area:*** Swan Creek Mountain, Worm Creek	
Status: Preparing to Scope	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Mike Duncan, District Ranger, 208-847-0375
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: Approximately 2,961 acres (2,487 forested acres, 179 non-forested acres, and 295 woodland acres) within the project area are proposed to receive treatments. These vegetation management treatments can be divided into three categories: harvest, fuel modification zones, and prescribed burn. Harvest, 616 forested acres. Fuel modification zones, 2,067 acres. Prescribed Burn, 278 acres.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes - x*** ***Exception:*** 294.24 (c) (1) (iv)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Wayne Beck – 2/3 activities all out of IRAs. Scoping is going to happen summer 2021. Jim – what kind of forest structure is across the Roadless boundary, because if this was General Forest, it would protect the community much better and is a case for reinventory. Jon – can't you do timber harvest in Backcountry restoration, and why wasn't that included? Wayne – the section within the CPZ in is roadless, but is also difficult to implement a harvest regardless due to lack of infrastructure (temp roads would be cost prohibitive). Chris Moyer – how do we document/capture the intent of the project 10 – 15 years down the road, that way leadership does not affect previous decision (small scale)?		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Caribou Basin Small-Scale Gold Placer Mining EA		
District: Soda Springs	***Roadless Area:*** Forest Plan Special Area, Wild Land Recreation	
Status: Draft Environmental Assessment	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Bryan Fuell, Soda Springs District Ranger, 208-223-5086
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: Potential impacts of up to 15 in-stream motorized sluicing or suction dredging operations in Caribou Basin. Additional operations would be analyzed case-by-case. • In-stream activities would be conducted in streams that are open to seasonal mining per		

IDWR regulations. Currently, these streams are: McCoy Creek between the confluences with Barnes Creek and Fish Creek, Barnes Creek, City Creek, Camp Creek, Miners Delight Creek, Anderson Gulch, Bilk Creek, and Iowa Creek. • Using suction dredges with no greater than a 5-inch suction nozzle and 15-horsepower motor. • Operations may disturb up to 50 feet of contiguous stream channel annually. • In-stream work would occur between August 15 and October 15. • Highbanking activities, which would occur outside of the stream channel, would be authorized under a POO. • Restoration of approximately 5,000 feet of McCoy Creek. Timeline: The EA and draft Decision Notice (DN) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be posted for a 30-day objection period starting April 2021. A final DN and FONSI is anticipated to be signed in June 2021.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes - XX*** ***Exception:*** 36 CFR 294.25(b)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Jim – are you on track timeline wise? B fuell – yes. Jon – how do miners plan on getting to site, watch for unauthorized trails being considered temp roads. Jon – How is IDL involved/have they issues a permit? Dominique – small enough scale that a permit is not needed, IDL submitted comments on structure and editorial issues.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Mink Creek Beaver Restoration Project		
District: Westside Ranger District	***Roadless Area:*** West Mink	
Status: The project is currently in the early phases of the NEPA review process and is proceeding under the FS categorical exclusion #6 (Wildlife Habitat Improvement).	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Chris Colt, District Wildlife, (208) 881-1975 ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Specifically, the project will provide beaver with post anchored log structures which will withstand high flows and assist in reconnecting the stream to the floodplain. Excess sediment can then be stored in beaver ponds and deposited upon the floodplain. Wood in the form of nearby trees will also be placed to form habitat and debris jams. The result is the enlarging of the floodplain and encouraging willow growth again on the valley floor and creating deeper channels and pools to improve fish and wildlife habitat. Additionally, portions of Mink Creek have been identified as water quality impaired (303D listed) by Idaho DEQ. The project is expected to improve water quality conditions by meeting 303D/TMDL goals.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes – XX Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Kim Obele – scoping next week. No comments.		
Action Requested: None		

Motion to bring East Palisades, CT Rx Fire, Placer mining, Bear Lake. Motion brought forward, seconded, passed.

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Project: Forest Plan Revision		
District: All	***Roadless Area:*** All	
Status: Preparing FEIS	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Zach Peterson ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Analyzed four action alternatives in DEIS. Released in December 2019. A fifth alternative is being analyzed in FEIS. Preferred alternative to be announced in the future. 22,000 comments were received on DEIS. 18% of these were related to IRA. Timeline: FEIS Release Summer 2021, Objection Period Fall/Winter 2021, Record of Decision/Revised Forest Plan Early Spring 2022		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception: _____***	***No __X____***
Commission Discussion: How is the roadless rule influencing any new analysis? Cheryl – roadless rule proceeds any management area decision, is the default rule and based plan on roadless areas. Jon – any modification of the rule needed to work with forest plan? Cheryl – not intending to modify rule whatsoever with forest plan, rule incorporated during planning.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Dixie Comstock		
District: Red River	***Roadless Area:*** Gospel Hump, Gospel Hump adjacent to Wilderness	
Status: Pre-Scoping (Collaboration).	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Jennie Fischer ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: IRC conducted field review in 2018 – see additional notes. Since then, 3 acres of aspen treatment have been dropped and hand thinning along Trail 220 was dropped because both activities were outside CPZ. Permanent parking has been added to project at the end of road 222D1 for first responders turn around and parking area. The parking area is inside Gospel Hump IRA and inside .5 mile CPZ. March 2021 changes include: • Complete surveys in units with modeled lynx habitat and verified stands with snowshoe hare habitat. • Reviewed Northern Rockies Lynx Management Direction Amendment (NRLMD or Lynx Amendment) and plan to apply an exemption to the standards within in the WUI, at 1.0 miles of Community Protection Zone (CPZ). • Dropped 7,003 acres of proposed prescribed burning outside 1.0 mile CPZ (from 8,767 to 1,764 acres). Of this, dropped 6,128 acres of prescribed burning outside of 0.5 mile CPZ. Prescribed burning will be pursued in a future NEPA effort. o Dropped all prescribed burning in Adjacent to Gospel Hump Wilderness IRA. o Dropped all prescribed burning along Blowout Ridge in Gospel Hump IRA. o Dropped stands in prescribed burning with verified snowshoe hare habitat north of Road 222, outside 1.0 mile CPZ. • Removed of 85 acres proposed Treatment A-Prescribed burning and B-Mechanical in		

verified snowshoe hare habitat, outside 1.0 mile CPZ (from 5,251 to 5,166 acres). • Removed 3 miles of road decommissioning. • Added 28 acres of PCT. • Updated Proposed Action map - March 2021. Timeline: April 2021 - Scoping – 30 day comment period. July 2021 - Draft EA – 30 day comment period. October 2021 - Final EA and Draft Decision Notice/FONSI Begin objection process – 60 days January 2022 – Final Decision Notice/FONSI.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _X_____*** ***Exception:*** _294.23; 294.24_	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Cheryl - Capacity and litigation might push this one back time wise. Brad Gilbert – why are you reducing Rx Fire and how is that reduction beneficial to lynx? Cheryl – NARLMD requires them to do lynx surveys, reduced 85 acres of harvest, any identified snowshoe hare habitat pretty much means they have to drop the activity, plus had to give and take acres to speed along consultation process.		
Action Requested: Jim – can the forest let the commission know what projects are being delayed due to capacity issues when the forest gets that figured out next week?		

Project: Dead Laundry		
District: North Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Moose Mountain	
Status: The project was scoped to the public in March 2020. The draft EA will initiate another public scoping period (estimated for April 2021). NFMA field work has been conducted, issue identification and alternative development has been completed following scoping. The decision is currently scheduled for Fall of 2021.	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Andrew Skowlund ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Prescribed burning on about 1350 acres to improve forest health and reduce fuel loadings. Site prep and helicopter landing in IRA were dropped. Several comments related to IRA were received in scoping – see briefing paper.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes ___X____*** ***Exception:*** _294.24(c)(i)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: No comment.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: South Fork Clearwater Mineral POOs		
District: Red River, Salmon River	***Roadless Area:*** Lick Point, West Meadow Creek, Dixie Summit-Nut Hill, West Fork Crooked River, Silver Creek-Pilot Knob	
Status: Preparing to Scope	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Karen Ritland ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Process and approve 16 Plans of Operation for mining in the South Fork Clearwater River drainage. None of the proposed projects is currently in an IRA. Proposal is to address future POOs (which may be in IRAs) by developing procedures to approve the maximum number of operations possible under NEPA and then conduct further analysis only on projects outside the scope of the existing NEPA. Future proposals may include road construction or incidental timber harvest in IRAs associated with the POOs. Unit also proposes to map, prioritize, and close AML features, some of which may be in IRAs, that aren't identified yet.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:*** _	***No __X____***
Commission Discussion: Jon – same as CT, be sure to qualify temp roads when newly allowed/authorized meet the definition.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Green Horse		
District: Moose Creek	***Roadless Area:*** O'Hara Falls and West Meadow Creek	
Status: Objection filing period (45 days) through April 9; Objection resolution period (45 days) through May 24	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Sara Daugherty ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Roadside hazard tree removal on approximately 178 acres along 9.4 miles of road. Intermediate harvest of dead and dying trees up to 150 feet from the road. Harvest by tractor and skyline. Approximately 268 acres of prescribed burning is also proposed. Road reconstruction is proposed on 1.2 miles of road within IRAs (road 2116 and road 2103). Scoping comments were both in favor and opposed of tree removal (as well as prescribed burning) in roadless areas		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X_____*** ***Exception:*** _294.2(c)(1)(vii)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Going through objections, final decision summer 2021.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Lost Toboggan Landscape Prescribed Burn Project		
District: Lochsa-Powell	***Roadless Area:*** Hoodoo and Bighorn-Weitas	
Status: Small NEPA CE scoped	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Sara Daughtery ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Under this proposal, prescribed fire will be applied to 22 units with a total of 8,277 acres identified as ignition areas within the 55,227-acre project area. (15% of the project area). The		

purpose of these treatments will be to encourage early seral vegetative growth, reduce hazardous fuel buildup associated with the insect and disease outbreaks, minimize fuel loadings, reduce fuel continuity and reduce the potential for fire to spread into timber management areas and the Lolo National Forest. Timeline: Scoping was external by normal distribution methods from January 21 – February 4, 2020. We are currently waiting on the Heritage report. Implementation of the project is anticipated to start during the 2021 field season.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:*** _	***No ___X___***
Commission Discussion: Jon – issue about thinning in riparian areas and identifying more distinctive polygons within burn units.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: West Meadow Fuels		
District: Moose Creek and Red River	***Roadless Area:*** West Meadow Creek	
Status: Developing Proposed Action	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Sara Daughtery ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Prescribed burn to restore fire and create defensible space around forest infrastructure.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:***	***No ___X___***
Commission Discussion: No questions.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Race Cow		
District: Salmon River	***Roadless Area:*** Salmon Face, Klopton Creek – Corral Creek	
Status: Preliminary Proposed Action developed; Preparing to Scope Fall 2020	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Jennie Fischer, NEPA Team Leader ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Timber harvest on 775 acres along lower Salmon River and Snake River breaks and canyons. Of the 775 acres, 70 acres is commercial, intermediate harvest. The remainder is roadside fuel breaks (up to 300 feet from roads) and removal of encroaching conifers on grassland habitats. Approximately 6400 acres of prescribed burning is included. New: Roadside shaded fuel break – 782 acres. 279 acres in Klopton Creek – Corral Creek IRA.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes ___X____*** ***Exception:*** _294.24(c)(i, iv, v)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Acres reduced on fuel breaks going down to 29 acres within 150 ft of road, down from 279. Timeline on track? Possibly June, other priorities may push it back a little bit.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: North Fork Aspen III		
District: North Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Meadow Creek – Upper North Fork, Rawhide, Bighorn – Weitas	
Status: Currently scoping, closes 5/25	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead: Mike Pruss***
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: The proposal would be accomplished by contracted labor (under Idaho Fish and Game's Good Neighbor Authority agreement) and/or FS personnel. Treat four aspen clones. Mature aspen and competing conifers and over-mature shrubs would be cut or girdled by hand/chainsaw, and competing conifers and mature shrubs will be cut or girdled adjacent to the clone in areas where suppressed aspen regeneration, or evidence of recent aspen is present. Conifers within 200 feet of the clone would be cut. Two to five mature aspen per clone would be retained to buffer against the possibility of drought induced Sudden Aspen Decline.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X_____*** ***Exception:***	***No ____***
Commission Discussion: No questions.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: North Fork Ponderosa Pine Restoration		
District: North Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Pot Mountain	
Status: Scoping in April 2021	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead: Mike Pruss***
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: The project is in the North Fork of the Clearwater River drainage in the Pot Mountain vicinity, and totals 6,051 acres with 3 divisions comprised of 3,623, 1,545 and 883 acres, that include four treatment/ignition units of 1,454, 510, 751 and 657 acres. Non-commercial slashing and scattering of ladder fuels. Prescribed burning (3,372 combined acres; 4 ignition units). The project would treat 20 aspen clones, totaling 48 acres, within the project boundary. The project area falls within the Clearwater County CWPP area.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X_____*** ***Exception:***	***No ____***
Commission Discussion: No questions.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: O'hara Wildlife and Fuels Rx		
District: Moose Creek	***Roadless Area:*** O'Hara-Falls Creek	
Status: Developing proposed action; Preparing to scope	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Sara Daugherty
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: Reestablishment and maintenance of fire processes through a combination of man-made and lightening ignition to mimic the natural mosaic of vegetation type and seral stage on the landscape. Both aerial and hand ignition methods will be used. Natural barriers will be used for		

control lines, as well as existing roads and trails. Fireline construction by hand falling is also anticipated.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes ___X____*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Jon – is this in the WUI but does not meet the definition of roadless CPZ? Yes, that is the case.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Red Siegel		
District: Red River	***Roadless Area:*** West Meadow Creek IRA #845C	
Status: Pre-Scoping	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Jennie Fischer
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: Considering fuels reduction adjacent to private property in West Meadow Creek IRA. Less than 40 acres of proposed thinning using hand and mechanical methods. Actions are within 0.5 miles of private property.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X_____*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: North Idaho Strike team will do NEPA. Jon – would all treatments be in CPZ? Jennie – yes, most of them would. Jim – depending on how the conversation goes next week with capacity, this project could be pushed back further, though unlikely.		
Action Requested: None.		

Motion to bring back: Forest plan, S. Fork Mineral (only if it includes roadless), race cow, dixie, dead laundry, o'hara, lost tobaggen (general rx fire discussion), green horse (everything but north fork aspen and ponderosa). 1st Billy, seconded Jon

Next Steps

Day 2

Gibson did introductions. Any comments on yesterday's meeting? What does meeting in person look like?

Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Project: Buckskin Saddle Integrated Restoration		
District: Sandpoint	***Roadless Area:*** Schafer Peak; Packsaddle	
Status: Currently in objection period	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Doug Nishek ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Within the IRA, there are approximately 215 acres of shelterwood and 117 acres of improvement cuts proposed. All yarding is ground based to existing roads. An additional 331 acres of slashing for whitebark pine restoration is proposed. Road 2711 would be reconstructed – this road bisects the two IRAs but is outside IRA. Approximately 1977 acres of prescribed burning would occur within IRAs. 1.7 miles of hiking trail would be reconstructed for mountain bikes and 18.8 miles of motorized trail within IRA would be reconstructed. Project specific CPZ was delineated and provided in this BP. Scoping complete – local residents generally supportive of project; other concerns/comments expressed were: opposition to commercial harvest in IRAs, would like to see motorized trails in IRA removed, would like to see expansion of IRA and "rewild" existing IRA, project would adversely affect wilderness characteristics, EIS is necessary. • Proposed Action - May 2019 • Public Scoping - August 2019 • Environmental Analysis - Sept 2019 - Dec. 2020 • EA Comment Period - Jan. 2020 • Draft Decision - July, 2020 • Final Decision - April, 2021		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X_____*** ***Exception:*** _294.24I(1)(I,iv,v)_	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: IPNF has new forest supervisor, Carl Petrick from Mississippi. Signed decision in April. Jon – did the objection timeline already pass? Jessie Berner – yes, AWR and Coeur d'Alene tribe (concerns about roads near ridgetops near culturally sensitive areas) No roadless issues in objections. Jim – let us know when on the ground is implemented and see if commission can go visit the project area in the future.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Westside		
District: Bonners Ferry	***Roadless Area:*** Selkirk, Kootenai Peak, White Mountain	
Status: Scoping occurred December 20, 2019 through January 31, 2020 Draft EA for public comment – December 4, 2020 through January 4, 2021	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Jennifer Anderson ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Project proposes approximately 1300 acres of timber harvest and 4 miles of road construction in General Forest IRA. Approximately 1100 acres of timber harvest is commercial. Approximately 6.6 miles of new trail construction is proposed including 1.4 miles in the Selkirk IRA Wildland Recreation theme – trail construction would require harvest in the WLR theme under the "incidental to other activities not prohibited" exception. Approximately 1500 acres of prescribed burning in Backcountry IRAs is also proposed. Four scoping comments addressed IRA and roadless contiguous to IRA.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __XX _____*** ***Exception:*** 294.23(c); 294.24(a)(1)(2); 294.24(c)(1)(ii, iv, v), 294.24(d)	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Working on Draft decision notice – June 11th (begin 45 day objection period), final decision in September. Changes in IRAs since October- WUI did not meet definition of Roadless CPZ, and it is within Kootenai County WUI. Dropped 660 acres in caribou habitat, 300 acres in Roadless. Went from clear cut to thinning in caribou habitat. Cope – glad to see Jesse and Myrtle Creek included in this project, reason for rule. Jon – how have prior projects in the area helped with grizzly recovery and large tree retention and how were project goals they met over time? How did follow up monitoring comply with the backcountry restoration goals. Doug Nishek – USFS has photo points of before/after, no report. City is monitoring water quality. Jon had a question about temp roads and how necessary they were for some of the commercial activities. Jennifer – in between the V on cooks peak the caribou 2 roads are still necessary for yarding.		
Action Requested: None.		

Motion to bring Westside forward Jon. Motion seconded Dinning. Motion approved.

Sawtooth National Forest

Project: Adam's Gulch Trail		
District: Ketchum	***Roadless Area:*** Smoky Mountain	
Status: Moving into plan component analysis	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Zach Schull ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Increase 0.5 miles of mountain bike trail (8-foot clearing width; 48-inch trail width) in IRA Primitive Theme using mini excavator. No tree removal required.		

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception: _____***	***No __X____***
Commission Discussion: Brad asked why this wasn't in the short form format. Brian said briefing paper was already done and it's in PMTV and so he thought the commission might want to hear.		
Action Requested: None.		

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Project: Forest Plan Revision		
District: All	***Roadless Area:*** All	
Status: Moving into plan component analysis	***Table Location:*** 2	***Project Lead:*** Josh Milligan ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Develop new Forest Plans for 4.3 million acre combined Salmon NF and Challis NF based on 2012 Planning Rule. After feedback from public, looking at possibly developing two forest plans instead of one combined, looking at amending, or doing nothing.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception: _____***	***No __X____***
Commission Discussion: Chuck Mark Presented. Public re engagement started back in August, mixed comments. Looking at re engaging major stakeholders, looking to get regional forester and DC office to provide direction. Gibson – 3 concurrent processes, WSR is similar to roadless issues, any comments on changing themes? Chuck – there were people that wanted to change themes, to allow more active management. Elt - ? Cope – order of forest plan seems like it could be flexible, how flexible is the order of the 2012 planning rule? Moyer – we still have to get through all the processes. Mark – it would have been a different approach to start with desired conditions. Gilbert – does the forest planning effort have an advisory committee? Mark – No, putting together a working group. Gilbert – the committee was a neutral ground to work out 3 concurrent processes (wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, and species of conservation concern), seemed to work elsewhere. Can forest planning also add in theme change of roadless if deemed necessary? Mark – It could be a possibility, though it doesn't seem like the highest priority compared to other forest needs, this revision process doesn't mean everything has to happen all at once. Jon – what is the 12 – 18 months looking like for revision? Mark – get major stakeholders together with neutral facilitation, really get back into process 1 to 1.5 years down the road. Cope – we need to start on places of consensus with general desired conditions. Mark – Forest is paying for a timber suitability study to see if timber industry can be restarted through proper forest management. Moyer – Not sure if theme change in Forest plan revision is good idea – roadless has different levels of authority (chief and forest supervisor), it would add essentially a 4th concurrent process. We wouldn't want it to get encumbered at the Chief's level.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Morgan Summit TSI		
District: Challis-Yankee Fork, Salmon-Cobalt	***Roadless Area:*** Taylor Creek	
Status: Scoping complete, analysis is occurring	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** David Morris ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Hand fell and lop and scatter approximately 162 acres of lodgepole pine. 294.24(c)(1)(viii) – In a portion of an Idaho Roadless Area designated as Backcountry/ Restoration that has been substantially altered due to the construction of a forest road and subsequent timber cutting. Both the road construction and subsequent timber cutting must have occurred prior to October 16, 2008. Timeline: Scoping December 2020, Decision September 2021, Implementation summer of 2022		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _XX_____*** ***Exception:*** _294.24(c)(1)(viii)_	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Heath Perrine presented. Jon – are those system roads that go into the IRA, since there are two roads within the IRA? Heath – yes. Jon – is the precommercial thin along the roads as well, or just within the green areas? Heath – thinning along roads would supplement trees for stream restoration, they were previously thinned. Jon – what are the long term effects/how are they going to classify it as altered? Jim – why here, why do TSI in roadless? Heath – rule allows for this project, it is not an impedance to their work. Mark – Rabbit foot fire was approx. 33,000 ac. we have a lot of TSI out there and trying to connect dots across landscape scale for fuel reductions. Jim – briefing paper says purpose for thinning was for maximum growth. Highlight the benefits in potential NEPA not max. growth potential. Major ingress and egress. Elt – why is this road and previously clear cut area in roadless in the first place? Jim – an example of why we need to reinventory. Jon – in area sub. altered doesn't need to conform to other areas. ? – Project is in Section 8 in former units along classified roads.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Sheep Creek Vegetation Improvement		
District: North Fork	***Roadless Area:*** West Big Hole	
Status: NFMA gathering, collaborative development, and public engagement of Purpose and Need and Proposed Action.	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Ken Gebhardt ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Commercial and non-commercial harvest, burning, etc. to improve vegetation. Temporary roads would likely be constructed. Very general description at this point. New P/N developed, focus is on fuel reduction and large tree retention.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X____*** ***Exception:*** __Numerous	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Ken Gebhardt presented. Waiting on consultation. Jon – temp road question, how are unauthorized roads being used for project activities? Ken – 0.68 temp roads should be it. Jon- any decommission roads being proposed? Ken – they would decommission a road only if it		

was developed for project activities. Jon – if you use an unauthorized route, that counts as temp road and needs to be reflected in the roadless area as such.
Action Requested: None.

Project: Bayhorse		
District: Challis-Yankee Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Squaw Creek	
Status: Currently in the development stage of the proposal (NFMA)	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** David Morris ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Not all project activities will occur in IRA. Project activities in Idaho Roadless include: Prescribed fire, fire control line, piling, noncommercial thinning, maintenance of Forest Road # 40719, conifer removal in sagebrush and fens, and aspen and whitebark treatments. Scoping – October 2020 Analysis – Winter 2021 Objection – late fall of 2021 Decision – end of the year 2021		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X____*** ***Exception:*** __Numerous	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Heath will be presenting. What is being presented to the commission? Gilbert – is this a mapping error that a road that goes into roadless? Jim – why is road maintenance being proposed in roadless if the road is not being used for project activities? Elt – recreation management in Bayhorse is a model example, super popular area, other areas around the state are using as a reference. Jim – map is not clear where activities are occurring in roadless. Jon – briefing paper does not state NEPA level. Heath – it is an EA. Jon – for future reference, prepare a more focused briefing paper with proper maps.		
Action Requested: Jeff to get specific activity info to Brian to send to commission.		

Project: Big Creek Restoration (Fuels)		
District: Challis-Yankee Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Lemhi Range	
Status: Scoping complete. CE. Decision Winter 2022	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Heath Perrine ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Prescribed burning on approximately 70,000 acres. Incidental tree cutting for hand line to control fire or to arrange fuels.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes __X____*** ***Exception:*** 294.24(c)(1)(vii)__	***No ___X____***

Commission Discussion: Jim – what level NEPA? Heath – CE. Jon – why are there multiple burn projects plus a forest wide one? Heath – it's a sequencing/timing thing. We started NFMA consultation, earlier that's all. Gibson/Jon – is the road on the southern end cherry stemmed, and also the map is unclear what is being proposed.
Action Requested: None.

Project: North Zone Vegetation Improvement		
District: North Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Numerous	
Status: NFMA gathering, collaborative development, and public engagement of Purpose and Need and Proposed Action.	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Ken Gebhardt ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: This project is on hold until further notice. The Forest is entertaining the idea of adding all of the prescribed fire and a majority of the hand thinning treatments into the Salmon-Challis Fuels Reduction and Improvement project. The remaining treatments are on hold until further notice.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _XX_____*** ***Exception:*** _Nearly all_	***No ___X____***
Commission Discussion: Jim – are you folding these activities into the larger Rx fire? Ken – this would wrap into the forest wide effort, if it fit purpose and need. Removed mechanical treatments from roadless. Jon – 4,000 acres pre commercial thin on preexisting roads at some point in time without disclosing locations in roadless? Are you considering a forest wide EIS? Jeff – no this is an EA, will upgrade from CE. Mark – we have to increase scale of activities to stay ahead of mother nature. We can't do the same level of analysis for the landscape projects in order to act quickly. We have to increase in pace and scale somehow. Jon – I appreciate that level, maybe try a programmatic EIS that you could tier CE back to over 20 years that way the site specific impacts and locations can be more properly analyzed and documented over time. Gibson – echo John's sentiment, climate change has pushed conditions for action. Heather – NZVIP is not being combined with forest wide, just the acres and not project design features. SO the acres for NVIP are being added to the forest wide, and those acres will have new project features as outlined in the forest wide project.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Forestwide Fuels		
District: Salmon Challis NF	***Roadless Area:*** Multiple	
Status: Scoping	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Phil McNeal ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary:		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***

Commission Discussion: Jon – trees in wildland restoration would only be cut for fire lines. When does unauthorized road become temp road? Jeff – when does an unauthorized road become 'temp'? and if so, when do you have to pull those roads off? Jim – Amy, could we get that temp road document off the SharePoint that defines this issue specifically? Yes, sent. Bill higgins – this large project has a limited tool set, how can mechanical be incorporated later on/concerned that forest will hamstring themselves by restricting tool set. Moyer – rx fire and handwork is set up first through NEPA.
Action Requested:

While there may be exceptions, permissible activities on unauthorized roads can be summarized by the following guidelines:
1. Maintenance, reconstruction, and construction of unauthorized roads is not allowed within any IRR Theme. 2. Unauthorized roads may not be converted to NSF roads (R4 letter from RF Forsgren).
3. Limited administrative use of Unauthorized roads, in their current condition, may be allowed within all IRR Themes. No maintenance/upgrade work (including blading, brushing, drainage, etc.) is allowed.
4. In certain Themes, areas, and circumstances (see 36 CFR 294.23), a new temporary road may be constructed over the top of an unauthorized road, allowing for road work necessary to bring the road to appropriate standards for project activity. This temporary construction falls under "Authorized Temporary Road" clauses in the IRR, requiring that the road be decommissioned as part of the contract following project use (Note – decommissioning may not be required in GF

Project: Morgan Creek Summit Trees		
District: Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Challis – Yankee Fork RD	***Roadless Area:*** Taylor Mountain	
Status: Finalizing proposed action	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Kelly Schade ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: The project area includes 228 acres of whole tree collection along Forest Service Roads 129, 129A, and 129B. The project includes 153 acres of whole tree collection along roads within the Taylor Mountain IRA. The designated area is within the 2018 Rabbit Foot Fire perimeter, and most of the trees are standing dead lodgepole. Live trees, such as subalpine fir and Douglas fir, will be collected as well to meet wildlife habitat objectives. The trees would be collected by local contractors working with the Idaho Office of Species Conservation (OSC) under the authority of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Pub. L. 113-79, section 8206 as amended, 16 USC 2113a, (Good Neighbor Authority) and Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Act of 1998 (Wyden), Public Law 105-277 as amended, 16 USC 1011a.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Kyra Povirk presented. 10 trees per acre, 10 – 23 DBH. Standing dead lodgepole. 1530 individual trees. Jon – first section doesn't count, ecosystem not restored, and last section doesn't seem to count off the route either. Billy – these types of trees are needed for large		

scale river restoration, good work. Jon – are these trees being used in the project area, if so, is this the best area to pull trees from? Kyra – No, the trees are being spread around forest restoration efforts. Jon – is seems like you could pull trees from closer to the actual restoration efforts. Also, cant this project be merged with the other Morgan summit project for NEPA efficiency? Mark – we need dead trees and have to pull them from somewhere.
Action Requested:

Project: Colson Cobalt Project		
District: North Fork	***Roadless Area:*** Long Tom	
Status: Scoping	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Deanna Stever ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: Exploration drilling accessed by temporary roads on up to 38 pads (34 in IRA), construction of 13.4 miles of temporary road (12 miles in IRA). Exploration drilling accessed by helicopter on up to 4 pads (8 in IRA). Total disturbance of ~34 acres (~32 in IRA).		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Jon – acquired land or forest land? Cope – doesn't this all fall under general mining act of 1872 and the commission has no preview over this? Jim – yes, its all under the mining act.		
Action Requested:		

Project: Rock Source Project		
District: All	***Roadless Area:*** Musgrove	
Status: Scoping complete	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Jeff Hunteman ***Link to Project Briefing Paper:***
Project Summary: The Salmon-Challis National Forest is proposing to expand four existing rock source pits and develop five new rock sources. Only the Quartzite Pit is located partially within Idaho Roadless.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____*** ***Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: Jeff – since the rocks would be used for admin use, the pit/impact would be incidental and allowed. Barquin – how far back into roadless does this go? Jeff – roughly 3 or 4 acres. Jon – there is precedent that the forest can pull rock sources form roadless to maintain roads. Jim – the forest is not wrong in their interpretation of the rule.		
Action Requested:		

Jeff Hunteman USFS: On Salmon-Challis Rock Source. That was a mapping error with two layers showing wilderness boundary pushing through on the map. There are no IRA slivers going out west side of the road up against the wilderness.

Motion to bring forest revision, forest wide fuels project, north zone, Bayhorse, big creek, sheep creek. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Kootenai National Forest

Project: Lenexx Exploration Drilling		
District: Three Rivers	***Roadless Area:*** Roberts	
Status: Preparing to scope	***Table Location:***	***Project Lead:*** Julie Hopkinson
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: The Lenexx mining claim owner proposes to drill a total of 11 mineral exploration holes; five helicopter supported holes and six ground-based holes. The operator would construct one drill pad (approximately 12 feet by 12 feet) per hole from timber cleared on-site (cleared trees would remain on site). Drilling depths would range from 300 to 500 feet deep and drill holes would be three inches in diameter. Each hole would take three or four days to complete.		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	***Yes _____ Exception:***	***No _____***
Commission Discussion: No comment. Jon – are these acquired lands or proclaimed national forest? Kirsten thinks they are proclaimed.		
Action Requested:		

Motion to bring no projects forward for update at spring meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comments/Discussion

No Public Comments

Wrap up

Jim – meeting in person in the fall would be preferable, we can do a hybrid if needed.

Cope – in the past 20 years working on landscape fire, we thought roadless was going to help these out, but it does not seem like they are speeding this along. I wish there was a way to help streamline those projects.

Let Michael or Jim know if you are interested in the subcommittee on theme change/sub alt. Need four or five people, diverse interests.

Jon – do we need a taskforce for the landscape fire? Jim – it's a broader discussion topic during the next meetings

Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 12:20 p.m.