

# Governor's Roadless Commission



Idaho  
Roadless Rule

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## Idaho Roadless Commission Meeting

### NOTES

May 24, 2022  
Virtual and In Person Meeting

#### Video Teleconferencing Information:

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#### In Person Address:

**Location:** Grizzly Room in the INRC building at 3232 W Nursery Road, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83815

## SECTION I: Welcome and Business Meeting – May 24

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### *Call to Order – 8:00 – 8:15 PDT*

#### Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome/Introductions.....Jim Caswell
- Commission Turnover.....Jim Caswell/Michael Gibson
- 3 staff members are turning over, have to work with Gov's office for recommendations for new members/ path forward.
- Starting in 2023, there will be turnover in the committee based on terms. Possibility of going down to 9 members form 12, more discussion.

#### *Preliminary Action Items*

### *8:15 - 9:15 PDT*

**Review/Approve 11/30 and 12/1 2021 notes**.....Michael Gibson

- Add Jon to meeting minutes for comment at end.

- Jon motioned. Seconded by Brad Gilbert. Moved.

**Pilot Project Reinventry/Theme Change**.....Michael Gibson/Subcommittee

- Discussions with R1 and R4 went well to refine the question and areas for a pilot.
- Jon: acres shouldn't play into the theme issues near the boulder white clouds, 5,000 acres shouldn't hold back those themes.
- Josh Simpson, PNF. A Nevada national forest faced the same issue, and there was no way to manage the silvers left after a wilderness designation. Really excited about this pilot project to reconsolidate roadless areas/fix this administrative issue.

**Action Item/Decision: Pilot Project Proposal**.....Subcommittee

- Peter motioned. Bill Higgins seconded.

**Future Contraction for the Pilot Project Proposal**..... Jace Hogg/Jim Caswell

**Review and Approval of the Letter on Prescribed Burning to the RF** .....Jim Caswell

- There is a draft from Alan, Bill. Review by the steering team has suggestions, plus the 90 day stay on Rx fire from the FS chief, so this letter is going to be put on hold for now pending further review.
- Elt is getting negative feedback in Valley co against controlled burns, possible civil suits, so it is good to put this on hold.
- Jon: Rx fire is not easy to implement, and is not taken lightly
- Bill: the letter is not anti Rx fire, it's just saying that Rx fire should not be the default management tool.
- Jim: there are three fires right now in New Mexico are started by Rx fires, two have combined to become the largest in New Mexico's history. It is good to step back and re-evaluate.
- Michael: we need to be proactive to protect communities with a mix of Rx fire, mechanical, and commercial to stay ahead of the issue.

**9:15 – 9:45 PDT**

**Status Review on Project Spreadsheet**...Amy Marshall (30 Min.)

- Reviewed project summary spreadsheet, main sheet. Looked at 5-year analysis of previous years and work since 2010. Jim gave background/history of spreadsheet.
- Way to monitor EIS done on IRR. Are we in the ballpark/tracking progress?
- Keith: less than 1/100th of the acres treated was commercial harvest in Roadless.
- Amy: the spreadsheet doesn't track implementation, too difficult to marry data from PALS to figure out acres treated in Roadless.
- David Rosenkrance: 145,000 acres of commercial treatments on lands available for commercial treatments has happened in the past 5 years. For 7 years (2010 – 2017) only 12,000 acres were commercially treated in non-roadless. Annual reporting is very region specific; some regions are more accurate than others. Infrastructure funding now has monthly reporting, other pots of money have annual reporting.
- Jon: Do any other states have roadless treatment tracking? How do we compare? Monitoring for EIS not that helpful due to it being outdated but comparing to other Roadless rule states could give us an insight of our progress.

**9:45 – 10:15 PDT**

**Completed Project Updates:** ..... USFS (30 min.)

Boise NF: Lowman WUI Prescribed Burn

- Both projects were in the 2016 timeframe. How did it turn out?
- Ryan Shanahan presented proposal/results.
- Jim: 466 acres in spreadsheet – accurate? A: That was the 2016 amount, the 2020 amount was increased to 1066 acres in IRA.
- Bill: Goes to show how complicated it is to maintain the spreadsheet.

Salmon-Challis NF: South 21 Fuels Reduction Project

- Rx Fire, veg management still ongoing. Hand treatment completed. Riley Rhoades gave an overview of the project and wildfires during implementation. The hand thinning did help resource impacts and slowed down fires.
- Michael: What is the difference in acres treated vs acres authorized? A: can treat up to 3,000 acres based on the CE used for analysis.
- Timber contracts are sold, slated to happen this year.
- Sage grouse enhancement: Goose Creek. Interested because there were proposed road miles.
- Bill: Thought it was going to be in Backcountry, it was in general forest.
- Zach Shull presented on the ROD for this project.
- Michael: Lets see the implementation report in the Fall.

**10:15 – 10:30 PDT**

**Field Trip Discussion**.....All (15 Min.)

- August timeline – South 21 fuels treatment? Westside Restoration?
- Brad: Finds it useful to do a field trip. Jon: Good to look at difficult projects, like in the Myrtle creek project that was in 2008 within Westside.
- Westside – need to figure date. Will follow up with doodle poll. Late July/Early august.

**Regular Agenda – Action Items – 10:30 – 12:00 PDT**

**PROJECT UPDATES and NEW PROJECTS**

1. [Non-Timber, Roads, or Minerals Small Projects](#) – Amy Marshall – Includes all Forests
2. [Idaho Panhandle National Forest](#) – Will Young, Environmental Coordinator  
Westside Restoration.....Implementation Update  
Chloride Gold.....Initial Briefing
3. [Payette National Forest](#) – Rhonda Bishop, Environmental Coordinator  
Stibnite Gold EIS (very brief update) .....Update/Status  
Rapid River Travel Management.....Update/Status  
East Fork South Fork RAMP.....Update/Status  
Brundage Mountain MDP Screening.....Initial Briefing

**Lunch Break – 12:00 – 12:30 PM PDT**

**Public Comment – 12:30 PM PDT, 1:30 PM MDT**

4. [Boise National Forest](#) – Teresa Pearson-Ramirez, Forest Planner  
Payette-Ola C Allotment Bull Trout Protection.....Update/Status  
Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape .....(SWIRL)Update/Status  
Tamarack Resort Special Use Permit.....Update/Status
5. [Caribou-Targhee National Forest](#) – Ashly Kula, NEPA Planner  
East Palisades Hazardous Fuels Reduction... ..Implementation Status  
Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration.....Implementation Status
6. [Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest](#) – Zoanne Anderson, Environmental Coordinator  
Forest Plan Revision .....Update/Status  
Race Cow .....Update/Status  
Dead Laundry.....Update/Status  
Lost Toboggan Landscape Prescribed Burn.....Update/Status  
Knock-on-Wood Habitat Improvement project... ..Initial Briefing  
McBee SUP.....Initial Briefing  
**Dixie Comstock.....USFS Deferred due to Dixie Fire**  
**Ohara Wildlife and Fuels Rx.....USFS Deferred, No Updates**
7. [Salmon-Challis National Forest](#) – Jeff Huntzman, NEPA Planner  
Sheep Creek Vegetation Improvement.....Implementation Update  
Forest Plan Revision.....Update/Status  
Bayhorse V2.....Update/Status  
S-C Fuels Reduction and Restoration.....Update/Status  
**Kootenai National Forest – No Projects**  
**Sawtooth National Forest – No Projects**

**Feedback on today’s meeting and discussion of future meetings**

**Adjourn – 5:00 PDT, 6:00 MDT**

## Section II: Project Updates and New Projects

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### 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 - Upper Payette Lake Campground Spring Decommissioning
    - Elt; they are leaving the tank and removing other infrastructure
  - PNF - Hartley Meadows Repair Project
    - User created routes in meadow to be decommissioned.
    - Elt: Is the forest rerouting trail or removing it? Wishes the FS luck on keeping UTVs out of meadow.
    - Rhonda from Payette FS: The FS will not reroute.
  - PNF - Pollock Mountain Trail Reroute - No questions
  - SCNF - Trail Creek Fence Extension - No questions

### Region 1 and 4 (Idaho portion) Inventoried Roadless Area Briefing Template for Projects that DO NOT INCLUDE Timber, Road, or Mineral Activities:

**National Forest:** Payette NF

**Project Name:** Upper Payette Lake Campground Spring Decommissioning

**IRA Name and Theme:** French Creek (Backcountry/Restoration)

**Type of Activity:** This project would remove the decommissioned water tank and valve box with associated piping providing water to Upper Payette Lake Campground. The system has not been utilized since 1995. This would resolve safety concerns with the public interacting with this infrastructure and promote the return of the landscape to a more natural condition.

An excavator to access the site using the old access route to the tank and valve box. The tank and valve box along with any piping discovered in the immediate area of the boxes would be removed and the area backfilled with material immediately around the tank. The old water system access route would then be rehabilitated into a trail template.

**Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA:** This project involves approximately 0.1 acre of activity within the IRA.

NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS) and expected Decision Date: CE, Decision expected May 2022

**National Forest:** Payette NF

**Project Name:** Hartley Meadows Repair Project

**IRA Name and Theme:** French Creek (Primitive)

**Type of Activity:** This project would restore an unauthorized, user-created route through Hartley Meadows. This user-created route bisects several natural drainage features, disrupting the natural hydrology of the meadow. From the two track users have traveled both north and south, causing additional rutting and loss of vegetation.

The Hartley Meadows Repair project would address the damage that has taken place as well as limit future incursions into the meadow and roadless area. Heavy equipment would be used to de-compact the two track and reestablish the existing drainage features. Coarse woody debris and vegetation “plugs” from the meadow would be placed over the disturbed areas to aid natural revegetation.

Boulders from the project area would then be placed at the junction of the two track and FS451 to discourage future use.

**Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA:** This project involves approximately 0.06 acre of activity within the IRA.

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**National Forest:** Payette National Forest

**Project Name:** Pollock Mountain Trail Reroute

**IRA Name and Theme:** Rapid River (Wild Land Recreation)

**Type of Activity:** This project would reroute approximately 650 feet of Pollock Mountain Trail #179. The new trail will be constructed with hand tools using Forest Service crew and Conservation Corps Crew.

The existing portion of trail that the reroute (approximately 480 feet) would replace would be rehabilitated. Rehabilitation activities could include de-compacting the trail surface, installing multiple check dams to prevent water damage, and covering the trail surface with slash as needed.

Incidental tree limbing and removal may occur but is not anticipated and would be minimized to the extent possible.

**Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA:** This project involves approximately 0.2 acre of activity within the IRA, including the rerouted trail and rehabilitated trail.

**NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS) and expected Decision Date:** CE under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(1) – Construction and reconstruction of trails. Decision expected July 2022.

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**National Forest/District:** Salmon-Challis NF

**Project Name:** Trail Creek Fence Extension

**IRA Name and Theme:** Challis Forest Plan Management Area 18 – Mackay Front. White Knob Roadless Area – Backcountry Restoration

**Type of Activity:** The project involves the extension of a barbed wire, wildlife friendly fence extending approximately .5 miles from the southern end of the existing Trail Creek fence to help prevent livestock drift into unauthorized areas. A 4-wheeler may be used to access and provide materials on site. There will be no tree cutting or road creation.

**Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA:** Approximately .06 acres given the distance of the fence area length of ~.5 miles and width of ~1'.

**NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS) and expected Decision Date:** CE; Decision expected Summer of 2022.

**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.

### Idaho Panhandle National Forest

<b>Project:</b> Westside Restoration Project		
<b>District:</b> Bonners Ferry Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Selkirk, Kootenai Peak, and White Mountain	
<b>Status:</b> Scoping: December 20, 2019, to January 31, 2020 Draft EA for public comment: December 4, 2020, to January 4, 2021 Draft Decision/FONSI (Objection Period): June 11 to July 26, 2021 Final Decision/FONSI: signed October 28, 2021	<b>Table Location:</b> 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Jennifer Anderson jennifer.anderson3@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> Yes 3.8 total miles of temporary road construction is being proposed in General Forest roadless area to access / haul timber and to conduct other fuels reduction treatments. Temporary road needs based on harvest opportunities are summarized below, however, changes are likely through effects analysis and determination, as well as project layout and design.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes Commercial harvest would include the cutting and removal of timber, whereas PCT would involve cutting the trees but leaving them on-site (some may be piled and the piles burned). Forest types being considered for harvest and PCT in the IRAs are a mix of lodgepole pine, western-larch, drier-site Douglas-fir, moist mixed-conifer, and lower elevation subalpine fir stands. Timber cutting to facilitate trail construction and prescribed burning would involve felling trees and pulling them out of the trail corridor (trail construction) and away from whitebark pine trees (prescribed fire); cut trees would not be removed.</li> <li>▪ <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> NA</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ul>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes:</b> – <b>Exception:</b> 294.23(c); 294.24(a)(1)(2); 294.24(c)(1)(ii, iv, v), 294.24(d)	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Jon: How does this overlap with the previous Myrtle Creek project?		



Kevin: This goes back in to re treat some of those areas.  
 Bill: How are the acres being considered for Rx fire, especially in habitats with heavy fuel loads?  
 Kevin: FS have the first two sales offered, with other sales 10 years down the road.  
 Jim: Seems really compelling to go see treatments.

**Action Requested:** None.

<b>Project:</b> Chloride Gold		
<b>District:</b> Sandpoint Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Packsaddle and Magee	
<b>Status:</b> Pre-Scoping	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Doug Nishek (208) 267-6765
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No.</li> <li>• <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> No.</li> <li>• <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> NA</li> <li>• <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ul>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes:</b> – <b>Exception:</b> 294.24(c)(1)(ii, iv, v), 294.28(d)	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b>		
<p>Jon: Is this a HFRA project? A: No because we are planning too many roads. The project area has not seen a large project in 20 years.</p> <p>Brad: On another note, how much implementation has happened on buckskin saddle. First timber sale scheduled 2023.</p> <p>Bill: Interesting to see timber harvest adjacent to roadless, and no mechanical treatments in roadless, seems more of a political issue than an ecological issue. Understand the risk lawsuits for timber harvest in Roadless, but disappointed to see.</p>		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

### Payette National Forest

<b>Project:</b> Stibnite Gold		
<b>District:</b> Payette NF Krassel RD and Boise NF Cascade RD	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Burnt Log, Black Lake, Meadow Creek, Caton Lake, Horse Heaven, Reeves Creek	
<b>Status:</b> Final review of supplemental draft environmental impact statement prior to submittal to WO for approval to publish NOA	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Kevin Knesek <a href="mailto:kevin.s.knesek@usda.gov">kevin.s.knesek@usda.gov</a>
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>

**Project Summary:**

- **Road Construction/Reconstruction:** Yes; The Plan, as submitted by Perpetua, would temporarily eliminate existing motor vehicle access from the community of Yellow Pine (portions of year- round, full-sized NFSR 50-412) to the mine site and beyond to privately-held patented mines NFS lands in the Monumental Summit and Thunder Mountain areas, due primarily to expansion of the Yellow Pine pit. Therefore, Perpetua plans to develop a temporary mine access/public by-pass route, referred to in the Plan as the “Burntlog Route.” This route would begin near Landmark, approximately 32 road miles southeast of the mine site (and >20 miles south of Yellow Pine) on the Boise National Forest. Development would include re-aligning portions of the Burntlog Road, constructing new connecting road, re-constructing portions of the “Old Thunder Mountain Road” and Meadow Creek Lookout Road on the wilderness boundary and constructing a new road down from the wilderness boundary to the planned main mine gate near the head of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River. Approximately 14 miles of the planned route could be within IRAs (Backcountry/Restoration). Mine reclamation would include decommissioning new segments of the Burntlog route; however, portions of the road within the Black Lake and Meadow Creek IRAs may not be fully recontoured. The proposal includes stabilization of approximately 1.5 miles with soil-nail walls that would be left in place following reclamation.
- **Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:** Yes; Tree removal in mine waste and stockpile areas (491 acres) and along the utility corridor (44 acres) and temporary road(s) (approximately 300 acres). The proposed Meadow Creek OHV connector could run 2.6 miles through in the Meadow Creek IRA (4 acres). If merchantable, it is expected Perpetua would purchase removed timber from the Forest Service.
- **Discretionary Minerals:** No. While mine operations and temporary road construction and maintenance would require borrowing material that would otherwise be considered salable; the use would be required to support the planned locatable mining operations and therefore, conducted pursuant to the General Mining Law of 1872.
- **Modification or Correction:** No. Temporary (long-term) motorized routes in roadless areas are to be decommissioned.

**Responsible Official:** Payette Forest Supervisor will be the responsible official for authorization of the Plan and any amendments to the Payette National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan. The Boise Forest Supervisor will be the responsible official for any amendments to the National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan. These authorities have been delegated from the Regional Forester.

<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: – Exception:</b> 294.23(c)(vii); 294.25(b)	<b>No</b>
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Commission Discussion:  
 Jim: Is public use of both Johnson Creek and Burnt log route? A: yes  
 Jon: Admin use of road is still in question and the relation to public use needs to be answered

**Action Requested:** None

<b>Project:</b> Rapid River Travel Management		
<b>District:</b> Payette National Forest/New Meadows Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Rapid River	
<b>Status:</b> Conducting Analysis; undetermined when the draft decision will be ready	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Dana Harris dana.harris@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes. Incidental tree removal may occur on a limited basis (as described in the proposed action section above) in the Rapid River Idaho Roadless Area to accommodate two proposed turnaround areas.</li> <li>▪ <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No.</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No.</li> </ul> <b>Responsible Official:</b> Dana Harris, New Meadows District Ranger.		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes - Exception:</b> 294.24(a)(2)	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Q: Looking at non-motorized alternative, and looking at motorized loop opportunities outside the drainage		
<b>Action Requested:</b>		

<b>Project:</b> East Fork South Fork RAMP		
<b>District:</b> Payette NF, Krassel RD	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Caton Lake, Horse Heaven, Sugar Mountain, Meadow Creek, Secesh	
<b>Status:</b> Analysis by Interdisciplinary Team began in earnest in February 2022. Environmental analysis being written presently and is anticipated for publishing in May 2022.	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Joshua Simpson joshua.simpson@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> Unknown, at this time.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Possibly, due to potential road decommissioning and trail maintenance activities.</li> <li>▪ <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No, there is no mineral activity associated with this project.</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No.</li> </ul> <b>Responsible Official:</b> TBD: Forest Supervisor or District Ranger.		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes – Exception:</b> 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	<b>No</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b>		

Q: Elt: Is the Yellow pine collaborative still involved? A: Yes  
 Q: Has the forest talked to the county about sugar creek road maintenance?  
 Q: Are there still trails open to all vehicles being proposed in roadless? A: they did revise the proposal to make that kind of situation not an issue.  
 Q: Jace: How has the coordination between this project and Stibnite worked? A: Since the last roadless meeting, there has been coordination. There has been data exchange and planning on how to implement travel plan, then the mine access, then defaulting back to the RAMP

**Action Requested:** None.

<b>Project:</b> Brundage Mountain MDP Screening		
<b>District:</b> Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> French Creek	
<b>Status:</b> We have received a draft of the MDP and are reviewing it. Once a MDP is “accepted”, Brundage can propose projects for review under NEPA.	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Jennifer Blake Jennifer.b.blake@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> The MDP describes constructing trails (less than 50” in width) and routes over 50” in width “managed as trails” in to facilitate implementation of other portions of this project, such as chairlift installation, timber removal, etc. Clarity on routes over 50” in width managed as trails is likely needed.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes; exact details are yet to be determined but it is likely that mixed timber types and both commercial and non-commercial timber would be removed to facilitate construction of ski lifts and ski trails within the IRA, incidental to non-prohibited activities.</li> <li>▪ <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ul>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes – Exception:</b> 294.24, 294.25, and 294.26	<b>No</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b>		
<p>Jim: the Area gets compromised for roadless characteristics if the expansion gets buildt, the rule should reflect the need of the forest. Nothing in the rule prohibits the area form being developed, seen in the same vein as motorized use and motorized trails.</p> <p>Bill : It seems like a theme change is an appropriate to recognize the value and reflect the use of this area as a special use forest area.</p>		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

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

## Boise National Forest

<b>Project:</b> Payette-Ola C Allotment Bull Trout Protection Project		
<b>District:</b> Emmett Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Snowbank	
<b>Status:</b> Project was approved by the Deputy Regional Forester and the decision was signed by the District Ranger January 2022. A modification of the permit was completed March 2022 for the permittee. On-the-ground implementation has not started.	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> John Wallace john.d.wallace@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> N/A</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Approximately 11 acres of trees would be felled within the IRA along the streams for the 4.24 miles of exclusion fencing.</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> N/A</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> N/A</li> </ol>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes – Exception:</b> 294.24(b)(1)(i)	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b>		
Elt: how many head are on those permits?		
A: 234, then 450 .		
<b>Action Requested:</b>		

<b>Project:</b> Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape Project (SWIRL)		
<b>District:</b> Emmett, Cascade, Lowman, Idaho City, and Mountain Home Ranger Districts	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Multiple	
<b>Status:</b> Project is currently in proposal development	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Ryan Jones ryan.c.jones@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes. Non-commercial thinning treatments would include the cutting of generally small diameter trees and brush or other</li> </ol>		

vegetation, with the occasional felling of a larger tree to mitigate hazards of those working within the burn area or the public. The material would not be removed from the IRA or sold. The proposed action does not include the use of harvesting systems as a pre-treatment.

- 3. **Discretionary Minerals:** No
- 4. **Modification or Correction:** No

Scoping is anticipated to begin in June 2022 with a planned draft decision date of August 2023.

<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes – Exception:</b> 294.24	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b>		
Q: How do you plan or implement 60,000 acres a year?		
A: Implementation is delayed by personnel, airshed restrictions, general rx fire issues.		
Q: Brad: How does the rx fire plan meet the forest plan timber goals/requirements? A: the FS still has to manage according to the forest plan.		
Q: Elt: People are very wary of smoke, attorneys are calling the county, how is the public going to receive it?		
A: Rx fire isn't new; it just takes public education to get people on board		
<b>Action Requested:</b>		

<b>Project:</b> Tamarack Resort Special Use Permit Application		
<b>District:</b> Cascade Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Poison Creek Roadless Area	
<b>Status:</b> Tamarack Resort Special Use Permit Proposal (revised SF-299) was accepted by Boise National Forest Supervisor Tawnya Brummett on February 28, 2022.	<b>Table Location:</b> Table 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Scott Kaden scott.kaden@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No permanent road construction/reconstruction is proposed; however overland travel by a variety of vehicles and equipment on access routes is proposed within the IRA for construction and annual maintenance -- via over- the-snow vehicles and use of off-road vehicles less than 50 inches wide during the snowpack-free months.</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Timber cutting and removal is proposed to create ski trails on a total of approximately 300 acres along with an as yet undefined amount of timber cutting for ski lift corridors and thinning along the forest boundary for fire mitigation. The total acreage of developed ski trails within the IRA would be 214 acres, requiring approximately 177 acres of tree clearing.</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> Still exploring the question- Does the activity require a modification or correction?</li> </ul>		

<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes – Exception: 294.24 (c)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>No _____</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Proposal passed screening February 2022. Q: Jon: What is the proposed modification of the roadless rule? A: One step is to determine the impact of the roadless characteristics on the poison creek IRA. Q: Jon: At least one roadless characteristic has to be maintained, so a theme change could be appropriate, but totally removing the roadless area seems questionable. Q: Bill: Just change the theme to a general classification, or a forest service special use area. Bill: The economic impact is also worth considering.		
<b>Action Requested:</b>		

## Caribou-Targhee National Forest

<b>Project:</b> East Palisades Hazardous Fuels Reduction		
<b>District:</b> Palisades	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Palisades	
<b>Status:</b> Scoping for the East Palisades Project was completed November 2020	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Deb Flowers
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The use of a Categorical Exclusion was initially anticipated, however upon review of the project following the initial 30-day comment period the CTNF decided to analyze the project in an Environmental Assessment. The legal notice was published in the Post Register on October 8, 2021 and opened a comment period to allow commentors to obtain standing to object to the project when the final EA and draft DN/FONSI are made available (36 CFR 218 Subparts A and C).</li> <li>No modifications to have made to the treatments as presented to Commission in fall of 2021.</li> </ul>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes _____ Exception:</b>	<b>No _____</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Q: Bill: Recommended wilderness shouldn't have rx fire, right? Should rx fire be allowed or should the area not be wilderness if it needs rx fire? A: Depends on the forest plan, some plans have allowances for different activities across different regions		
<b>Action Requested:</b>		

<b>Project:</b> Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration Project		
<b>District:</b> Montpelier, Soda Springs, & Westside Ranger Districts	<b>Roadless Area:</b> 20 Roadless Areas.	
<b>Status:</b> Responding to scoping comments and preparing Final EA and Draft Decision Document	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Dylan Johnson 208-313-7839
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No road construction or reconstruction would occur within the IRAs.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> No commercial harvesting would occur within any of the IRAs. However, pretreatment activities are planned to occur in all IRAs except for themes Wildland Recreation or Primitive. No pretreatment activities (slashing, hand thinning, or mastication) will occur in either of these two themes in the Caribou City, Meade Peak, or Stump Creek roadless areas. However, incidental cutting of small diameter trees and limbing of larger trees would only occur for fire line construction.</li> <li>▪ <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ul> <p>Final EA and Draft Decision/45-day objection period started December 29, 2021 with final decision document anticipated July 2022</p>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes -</b>  <b>Exception:</b> 294.24(a), 294.24(b), 294.24(c)(1)(vii), 294.24 (d) and 294.28(d).	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Q: Why burn only 6,000 acres for 46 years to reach the goal of 266,000? A: To provide flexibility for the agency to implement fire when it makes sense and when it is safe. Q: Jim: The letter is in the RO, right?		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None		

**Motion to bring East Palisades, CT Rx Fire. Motion brought forward, seconded, passed.**



## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

<b>Project:</b> Forest Plan Revision		
<b>District:</b> All	<b>Roadless Area:</b> All	
<b>Status:</b> Working through ESA and Tribal Consultation on preferred alternative/ proposed decision and incorporating comments on the DEIS into analysis. Preparing documents for release and preparing for briefing to the Washington Office in the fall.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Zach Peterson zachary.peterson@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> No site specific actions authorized under revision, would not preclude harvest from being proposed in IRA's in the future</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> Not proposed at this time</li> </ol> <p>FEIS Release - Late Fall 2022  Objection Period - Winter/Spring 2023  Record of Decision/Revised Forest Plan - mid-year 2023</p>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes- Exception:</b> 294.28 (d)	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Can't move forward without signed BO's, due in the fall. Final Summer 2023.		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

<b>Project:</b> Race Cow Project		
<b>District:</b> Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest - Salmon River Ranger District. Wallow-Whitman NF - Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.	<b>Roadless Area:</b> _Salmon Face IRA #855 – 9,200 acres, no-CPZ Klopton Creek-Corral Creek IRA #854 – 21,300 acres; 7,100 acres CPZ; 14,200 acres non-CPZ.	
<b>Status:</b> Existing data collection in 2022 field season. Refine actions to move forward into NEPA for analysis. July 2022 – Present Proposed Action for Comment (Scoping). November 2022 – Draft EA - Notice and Comment Period. April 2023 – Final EA and Draft Decision Notice/FONSI. Pre-Decisional Administrative Review (Objection Process) 45-day filing & 45-day resolution periods. August 2023 – Final Decision. 2023-2033 - Project Implementation – 2023-2033; FY25 Race Cow Timber Sale Q3.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Jeff Shinn jeffrey.shinn@usda.gov Brian Anderson brian.t.anderson@usda.gov Jennie Fischer 208-983-4048 Jeremy Harris 208-983-4047 Graydon Galloway 208-983-4035
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No.</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes. Approximately 121 acres of grassland improvement. Improve grass production by reducing conifer encroachment in and adjacent to grasslands. Felling of trees by hand or mastication equipment, followed by prescribed burning.</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ol>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: -</b> <b>Exception:</b> 294.23 (b)(1)(iv), 294.23 (e), 294.24(c)(1)(vii), 294.24(c)(ii), 294.24(c)(iii)	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b>		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

<b>Project:</b> Dead Laundry		
<b>District:</b> North Fork Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Moose Mountain and Hoodoo RAs	
<b>Status:</b> 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.	<b>Table Location:</b> 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Andrew Skowlund (208) 476-8223
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No new permanent road construction is proposed in any RA.</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> No</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ol> <p>No changes from fall report. Project put out for objections 12/31/2021 and withdrawn March 25, 2022.</p>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes:</b> -  <b>Exception:</b>	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> No comment.		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

<b>Project:</b> Lost Toboggan Landscape Prescribed Burn Project		
<b>District:</b> North Fork and Lochsa/Powell Districts	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Hoodoo and Bighorn-Weitas	
<b>Status:</b> Small NEPA CE scoped, still waiting for heritage work to be completed. Anticipated	<b>Table Location:</b> 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Theodore Peterson 208-476-8257

implementation is field season of 2022.		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No road construction or reconstruction will occur on this project.</li> <li><b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> No</li> <li><b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No minerals will be removed as a component of this project. No active mining claims exist within the project area.</li> <li><b>Modification or Correction:</b> The activity does not require a modification or correction.</li> </ol>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes:</b>  <b>Exception:</b>	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> No comment.		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

<b>Project:</b> Knock-on-Wood Habitat Improvement Project		
<b>District:</b> Lochsa-Powell Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Eldorado Creek	
<b>Status:</b> Post-scoping/ preparing analysis.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Gage McKeag Gage.McKeag@usda.gov
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No.</li> <li><b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes. Tree cutting may occur in roadless to provide structure to streams as described in the proposed action.</li> <li><b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No.</li> <li><b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ol> <p>Within the Eldorado Creek Roadless Area, Eldorado Creek is likely the only stream where these actions will take place. Materials gathered locally from the roadless area would potentially include the cutting of trees and poles to provide structure to the stream.</p>		

<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: -</b> <b>Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>No _____</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> No comment.		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

<b>Project: McBee SUP</b>		
<b>District:</b> Salmon River Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Rapid River	
<b>Status:</b> Preparing to sign the decision memo.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Jeff Shinn 208-839-2103
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes. Timber cutting will occur to maintain the right of way of hazard trees.</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ol> <p>Cutting of hazard trees may occur within the Rapid River Roadless area that is on the west side of NFS Road 624.</p>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: -</b> <b>Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>No _____</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Jon: the tree cutting permission is only for hazardous trees near the road, correct? A: Yes.		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

## Salmon-Challis National Forest

<b>Project: Sheep Creek Vegetation Improvement Project</b>		
<b>District:</b> North Fork District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> West big hole - 943	
<b>Status:</b> NFMA gathering, collaborative development, and	<b>Table Location:</b> 2	<b>Project Lead:</b> Kenneth Gebhardt

public engagement of Purpose and Need and Proposed Action.		(208) 865-2731 <a href="#">Link to Project Briefing Paper:</a>
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> Road needs will be defined within the next several months to ensure access and miles reflect the project purpose and need. However, it is anticipated that new temporary roads would be utilized within the project area to remove merchantable timber, to access critical areas for hazardous fuels reduction work, and use as fire control lines. When possible, these temporary roads would be constructed utilizing existing or old roads or skid trail corridors and/or access routes that already exist. All newly constructed temporary roads would be fully decommissioned after use. Existing FS system roads would be improved to facilitate use and access. These routes may be used by but are not limited to tracked/rubber tired equipment, 4x4 vehicles and other machinery needed to conduct fuels management activities. We are currently evaluating the authority provided by 36 CFR 220.6 (e) (6) that allows no more than one mile of low standard road construction to determine additional treatment opportunities.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> A variety of treatments would likely be utilized to meet the purpose and need of the project including ground and cable based commercial and non-commercial harvest systems, pre-commercial thinning, prescribed fire, and pile burning. Harvestable timber acres for commercial and noncommercial use will be defined within the next several months to ensure acres reflect the project purpose and need. Thinning and piling of trees less than 10 inches in diameter with a tree spacing from 20 feet to 50 feet will occur throughout a majority of the project area. This type of treatment will depend on specific prescriptions that will reflect treatment location, past/current insect/disease areas and sensitive tree species like Aspen or White bark pine.</li> <li>▪ <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No</li> </ul> <p>Decision pending ESA concurrence</p>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes - Exception:</b> 294.23 (b) (2), 294.23 (d) (1), 294.23 (d) (2), 294.24 (c), 294.24 (c) (i), 294.24 (c) (vii), 294.24 (d), 294.28 (d), 294.29 (f), 294.22(c)	<b>No</b> _____
<p><b>Commission Discussion:</b>  Q: Jim: What is the timeline?  A: Late fall/winter once they get concurrence</p>		
<p><b>Action Requested:</b> None.</p>		

<b>Project: Forest Plan Revision</b>		
<b>District:</b> Salmon-Challis National Forest	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Salmon: 30 Idaho Roadless Areas, Challis: 28 IRAs	
<b>Status:</b> Multi year planning effort was initiated in October 2016. Phase 1, Assessments and collaborative relationships just beginning.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Josh Milligan jmilligan@fs.fed.us
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each Forest Plan will provide general direction for the management of the Salmon-Challis National Forest for the next 20+ years.</li> <li>▪ <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal; Road Construction/Reconstruction; Discretionary Minerals:</b> The new Forest Plan will not propose specific projects or activities which include these features, but will outline what areas are suitable for such and conducted under developed standards and guidelines</li> <li>▪ <b>Modification or Correction:</b> None proposed.</li> </ul> <p>The Salmon Forest Plan (1988) and Challis Forest Plan (1987) are in review to determine if there is a need revise, amend, or keep the plan(s) in place based on new Forest Service planning regulations developed in 2012.</p>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: - Exception:</b>	<b>No</b> _____
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Socio economic plan is going to come out, then a scope of work will be developed, then plan revision will restart.		
<b>Action Requested:</b>		

<b>Project: Bayhorse Project V2</b>		
<b>District:</b> Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District	<b>Roadless Area:</b> Squaw Creek	
<b>Status:</b> Analysis phase post 30-Day Comment Period.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> David Morris 208-879-4127 Heath S. Perrine 208-879-4125
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> There is potential for maintenance of Forest Roads.</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> There would be no commercial</li> </ol>		

cutting of trees in IRA. The noncommercial cutting of trees would be authorized to reduce conifers encroaching into sagebrush, restoration of aspen and whitebark, and conifers that are encroaching into fen/wetlands. Other noncommercial thinning would reduce live and dead fuels and ladder fuels. Fire control line would use landscape feature (rock scree), roads, and streams where possible, but in cases control line could be constructed in IRA and require the felling of trees.

- 3. **Discretionary Minerals:** No
- 4. **Modification or Correction:** None

Scoping comments/objections: Scoping of the proposed actions began on October 10, 2020 Comment period ended November 2020, Published 45-Day Objection Period for Draft EA, Decision Notice, and FONSI late 2021. Objection were received. SORT convened and reviewed the project and issued instructions. Forest formally went back out to the public for 30- Day Comment Period ending April 11, 2022.

<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: - Exception:</b> 294.23(e), 294.24(c)(1)(iii), 294.24(c)(1)(iv), 294.24(c)(1)(v), 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	<b>No</b> _____
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**Commission Discussion:**  
 Q: Jon: Were any of the issues related to roadless areas? A: No they were not.

**Action Requested:**



<b>Project:</b> Salmon- Challis Fuels Reduction and Restoration Project		
<b>District:</b> Salmon-Challis National Forest	<b>Roadless Area:</b> All	
<b>Status:</b> NFMA gathering, collaborative development, and public engagement of Purpose and Need and Proposed Action.	<b>Table Location:</b>	<b>Project Lead:</b> Christine Droske 406-529-1750
		<b>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</b>
<b>Project Summary:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Road Construction/Reconstruction:</b> No roads would be constructed or reconstructed. Existing Forest Service roads would be utilized to access treatment units and/or as prescribed fire control lines.</li> <li>2. <b>Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:</b> Yes. Hand treatment of vegetation using chainsaws and hand tools would include thinning, piling, lop and scatter, pruning, and girdling to meet the purpose and need of the project and applicable Idaho Roadless Management Theme.</li> <li>3. <b>Discretionary Minerals:</b> No.</li> <li>4. <b>Modification or Correction:</b> No.</li> </ol>		
<b>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</b>	<b>Yes: -</b> <b>Exception:</b> 294.23(d)(2), 294.24(a)(2), 294.24(b)(ii)(iii)(v), 294.24 (c)(1)(i)(ii)(iv)(v)(vii), 294.24 (d), 294.26 (b), 294.29 (f)	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b>
<b>Commission Discussion:</b> Josh Milligan Bill: What are the nature of the objections? A: Looking at timing, scope, implementation, and a favorable objective from TWS and ICL		
<b>Action Requested:</b> None.		

**Motion to bring Sheep creek , Forest revision, Bayhorse, Fuels reduction and restoration. Motion seconded. Motion passed.**

## Kootenai National Forest

## Sawtooth National Forest

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

**Public Comments/Discussion**

No Public Comments

**Wrap up**

**Feedback**

*Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed.*

*Meeting adjourned 5:00 PDT, 6:00MDT.*