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Agenda Virtual and In-person Meeting June 7, 2023

All times are Pacific Time
Meeting Starts at: 8:30 Am Pacific Time (PT)/ 9:30 AM
Mountain Time (MT)

Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Supervisor's Office
3232 West Nursery Road, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Public Comment

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Idaho Roadless Commission Meeting

NOTES

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In Person Address:

Location: Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor's Office
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Introductions:

Commission Members present: Dale Harris, Bill Higgins (online CM), Brad Gilbert Dan Dinning, Mike Hanna, Alan Prouty, Jim Caswell, Mike Gibson, Blair Dance, Jonathan Oppenheimer.

Forest Service: Chris Moyer

Idaho State: Jace Hogg, Dominique Cota, Darren Parker (Risch), Mark Kilmer (Fulcher).

Others:

Last time Amy Marshall will be attending the meeting.

SECTION I: Welcome and Business Meeting – June 7

Call to Order – 8:30 – 8:45 PT

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome/Introductions/New Members..... Jim Caswell
 - Blair Dance Introduction
 - Previous struggles to get representation for Eastern Idaho.
 - Process to get 3 people.
 - Blair now fills that role for IRC.
 - Update from Jim on reappointments
 - Alex Irby resigned, replaced by Mike Hanna.

- Dan Dinning reappointed. Replaced Bob from Lemhi County Commissioner.
- Bill H, Brad G, Jonathan O reappointed.
- In '24 Jim Caswell will be up for reappointment along with Michael Gibson and Billy Barquin.
- Brad Gilbert thanked Amy for all of her efforts and support.

Preliminary Action Items

8:45 – 10:00 PT

Review/Approve 10/27/2022 notes..... Michael Gibson

- Any edits:
 - Jon O: Page 16 verbiage that was not descriptive enough.
 - “Only one figure present.”
 - Motion from Gibson, Second from Allen, All in favor, Moved.

Update Status Report on Pilot Project..... Michael Gibson/Jim Caswell

- Visited this at the meeting last fall.
- New mapping system.
- Two phases of this project to look at area over in the Sawtooth’s. White Clouds and Hemingway Boulders.
- What does this landscape look like?
- Management remains unchanged..designated wilderness in some areas but big chunk of refuge lands. Units are hard to get to and will probably not change moving forward with FS management.
- **Write a detailed memo on what is going on with the PP.**
- High importance for the future and keeping consistent information on the record. Correct database and maps.
- **Alan Prouty:** FS is this a region 4 decision or Washington office? **A:** Has been there since the bill was passed. Chief level decision and many steps to get there.
- **Jim Caswell:** Formal proposal and documentation needs to be done.
- **Q:** Discussion about theme change and how to do it...taking roadless to wilderness and changing the theme. Should explore how its done because it will come up again.
- **Jonathan Oppenheimer**—Definitions and Inventory process. Two standards whether an area is roadless.... recommends to focus on if things are consistent with wilderness act and moving forward the forest plan for the Sawtooth’s.
- Opportunity to think about modification in legislation..with congressional direction?
- **Bill Higgins:** Are forests taking on theme changes as part of forest planning or are they deferring? **A:** Region 4 only has SC under revisions right now. Generally speaking, coupling two decisions (forest plan and modification to roadless changes).
- **Brad Gilbert:** Like the memo ides, with the term correction there was an underlying assumption meant some things were wrong from the past.
- **Darren Parker:** New wilderness legislation—should come to commission first and puts in a better spot when it gets to congress.

- **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** About the land designation and would be directed to the agency. Wouldn't be the commission – but it is vital for the recommendations that are made.
- **Darren Parker:** 5000 minimum size—where does that come from? **A:** Not specific to roadless rule..part of the forest planning regulations.
- **Chris Moyer** In this exercise how many orphan polygons? Counted four so far. **A:** Would have to check the spreadsheet but could be about 15 and 12,000 acres.
 - How to house the memo for the future...FS can commit to figuring out where to put it.
- **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** Not actually slivers when they are adjacent to wilderness. Should not take precedent over anything at this time.
- **Dan Dinning:** No luck with guidance papers..go down the path to make a recommendation and fix it. Will have done our job for the Governor...they will have to decide if they do it or not.
- **Michael Gibson commits to engage pilot sub-committee and get the memo together. Can approve at next meeting, depends on how long it takes.**
 - Or do it as an electronic vote.

Michael Gibson went over the interactive roadless vector layers.

- New download for last year's wildfire layer data.
- Expected net value change with many categories under it.
 - Changes in human habitation, Suitable timber, wildlife habitat...
- **What are the next steps?**
- **Bill Higgins** What about suppression costs and economic value at risk? **A:** No layers right now the closest would be the net value change. Can look into getting something that shows economic values.
- **Jim Caswell:** Should we discover enough to where its is worthwhile to look at a broad statewide perspective then how do you assign value or prioritize at that point?
- **Q:** Priority landscape and could you get that fire shed information? That is where majority of the work is going to be done **A:** On the list just haven't been able to get the layer.
- **Mike Hanna** Forest decision to regional forest decision? **A:** Depends on analysis but if roads are involved then you must reach the mile and a half.
- What defines a community structure?
 - There is a description in writing..process where you can add communities.
- What does the rest of Idaho look like in this context?
 - Without fire shed layer over the top...how do rangers know what to prioritize?
- **Q:** Is this available online? **A:** Yes, link can be shared from Gibson.

- **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** Is Burgdorf (or adjacent communities that are shown) a priority once you move towards a statewide perspective? Especially when you consider other land that has more structures and public safety comes into play?
 - **Dan Dinning:** Finds this information valuable...
 - **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** There is great information...have faith that the FS has this data. Our role is to provide recommendations to the Governor.
 - **Allan Prouty:** Effort to help manage wildfire risk and understand what kind of prioritization needs to happen and that info would be spoken to with the Gov and FS.
 - **Mike Hanna:** Important for those conversations to happen in general.
 - **Michael Gibson:** Great to have this knowledge base...
- When mapping products and everything is put together...these efforts are useful and its not necessarily demanding or directing but supportive.
- Agreement that some details need to be added but that this tool is useful. Gibson will house this on TU's servers.
 - Could have a link on the website or at least easily accessible/shareable.

Update on Crow Creek Litigation/Settlement (C-T NF) USFS Amy Marshall

- No changes were made from the initial proposal.
- Details from Jim Caswell: Pipeline/ Highway -- Goes to Alpine in Wyoming.
- Goes under the roadless areas since its underground.
- No further questions...

Update on Project Spreadsheet..... USFS Amy Marshall

- Where we keep track of all roadless projects and update them
- Brief Introduction for new commission members.
- About 300 lines.
- Red font indicates the last update made.
- Important for long term information updates.
- **Mike Hanna:** Catherine Blackwell will maintain this spreadsheet? **A:** Yes, will work with Amy to get update details. (When it was last updated, How often its updated, etc.)

Completed Project Updates: USFS

- Boise NF: Lowman WUI Prescribed Burn (any updates with BIL)
- Salmon-Challis NF: South 21 Fuels Reduction Project
 - Lowman WUI updates? Get clarification from Jace on this.
 - Hard to have updates over the Winter unless they were able to harvest.
 - **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** Intent to just have status updates? **A:** Curious about upper north fork project..road was never built. What portions were implemented or what are the plans?

Regular Agenda – Action Items – 10:00 – 12:00 PT

PROJECT UPDATES and NEW PROJECTS

Maps of Idaho Roadless Projects in Region 1 and Region 4

1. [Non-Timber, Roads, or Minerals Small Projects](#) – Amy Marshall – Includes all Forests
Sawtooth NF Pioneer Cabin Trailhead..... Moved out of IRA
C-T NF – Rainey Creek Trail Bridges..... Initial Briefing
S-CNF Mustang, Moose, & Trail Creek Wildfire Restoration..... Initial Briefing

2. [Caribou-Targhee National Forest](#) – Ashly Kula, NEPA Planner
Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration.....Update/Status
Diamond Creek Forest Management.....Update/Status

3. [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
Dixie Comstock..... Update/Status
Zipty Iron Mountain Communication Site Modification..... Initial Briefing
Kirks East Elk..... Initial Briefing
Southwest Butte Boundary Fence..... Initial Briefing

4. [Salmon-Challis National Forest](#) – Jeff Hunteman, NEPA Planner
Update Forest Plan Revision..... Update/Status
Sheep Creek vegetation Improvement..... Update/Status
Bayhorse V2..... Update/Status
S-C Fuels Reduction and Restoration..... Update/Status
Big A Vegetation..... Update/Status
Copper Wood Post and Pole..... Initial Briefing
Ramey Forest Products..... Initial Briefing

Lunch Break – 12:00 – 1:00 PM PT

Public Comment – 1:00 PM PT, 2:00 PM MT

5. [Boise National Forest](#) – Teresa Pearson-Ramirez, Forest Planner
Southwest Idaho Resilient LandscapeUpdate/Status
Tamarack Resort Special Use Permit.....No Updates

6. Payette National Forest – Kara Kirkpatrick, 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.....	Update/Status
Railroad Saddle Forest Restoration.....	Initial Briefing
Payette Forest-Wide Prescribed Fire.....	Initial Briefing
Granite Goose Landscape.....	Initial Briefing
Garnet Creek Exploration Drilling.....	Initial Briefing
Big Creek Water System Upgrades.....	Initial Briefing

No Projects:

- Kootenai National Forest
- Sawtooth National Forest
- Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Feedback on today’s meeting and discussion of future meetings

Adjourn – 4:30 PT, 5:30 MT

Section II: Project Updates and New Projects

R1/R4 National Forests

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.

Sawtooth NF Pioneer Cabin Trailhead.....Moved out of IRA

- No updates.

C-T NF Rainey Creek Trail Bridges.....Initial Briefing

- Back country restoration.
- Installing 5 prefabricated glulam trail bridges.
- Less than one acre within the IRA
- No change in trail classification
- 290-foot trail
- No questions.

S-C NF Mustang, Moose, & Trail Creek Wildfire Restoration.....Initial Briefing

- Back country/Wildfire restoration
- Natural regeneration and hand planting on 34,500 acres
- Surveys will help determine where natural regeneration is not likely to occur.

Additional Notes from Amy:

- Two maps created for Region 1 and Region 4
 - o Helpful to put things into context.

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

National Forest: Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Palisades Ranger District

Project Name: Rainey Creek Trail Bridges

IRA Name and Theme: Palisades Roadless Area; Back Country Restoration Theme

Type of Activity: e.g., planting, prescribed burn, waterline, etc.): Install 5 trail bridges across Rainey Creek on the section of trail that is open to motorized vehicles 50 inches wide or less. At one bridge site a short 290-foot trail reroute will be constructed. No change in trail classification will result from this project. Bridges will be prefabricated glulam style.

Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA: Less than one acre. There are 5 bridge sites, each site will have 2 gabions (abutments) with dimensions of 4x12 feet installed on both sides of the creek. A trail reroute of 290-feet would occur at one site.

NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS) and expected Decision Date: CE, Decision expected January 24, 2023

Important: Send completed Briefing Template to the Idaho Roadless Coordinator (amy.c.barker@usda.gov) prior to signing Decision document.

National Forest: Salmon- Challis National Forest

Project Name: Mustang, Moose, & Trail Creek Wildfire Restoration

IRA Name and Theme: General Forest, Rangeland, and Grassland, Back Country Restoration

Type of Activity: (e.g., planting, prescribed burn, waterline, etc.): The proposed action ensures 34,500 acres, which experienced stand replacing fire, will regenerate through a combination of natural regeneration and hand planting. Surveys would be conducted to determine where natural regeneration is not likely to occur. Areas that are not likely to naturally regenerate would be planted with site appropriate fire adapted conifer species, with the goal of providing future habitat and seed source.

All planting will be done with hand tools, – there will be no tree cutting or road work.

Proposed activities located outside the Roadless Area for this project: N/A?

Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA: Back Country Restoration: up to 12,200 Acres. General forest, rangeland, and grassland: up to 9,600 acres.

NEPA type and expected Decision Date: CE; Decision expected spring of 2023.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Individual Projects by Forest:

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

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

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: Preparing Decision Document.	Table Location: 2	Project Lead: Dylan Johnson 208 281-7075																								
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:																								
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No road construction or reconstruction would occur within the IRAs. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: 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. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No <table border="1" data-bbox="406 1302 1209 1627"> <thead> <tr> <th>Idaho Roadless Themes</th> <th>Acres</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Non-Roadless</td> <td>49,856</td> <td>19%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Backcountry Restoration</td> <td>152,681</td> <td>57%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forest Plan Special Area</td> <td>2,179</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Forest, Rangeland, and Grassland</td> <td>46,898</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Primitive</td> <td>10,077</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wild Land Recreation</td> <td>4,343</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>266,034</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Timeline: October 1st, 2023 is the target date for issuance of the decisions documents.</p>			Idaho Roadless Themes	Acres	%	Non-Roadless	49,856	19%	Backcountry Restoration	152,681	57%	Forest Plan Special Area	2,179	1%	General Forest, Rangeland, and Grassland	46,898	18%	Primitive	10,077	4%	Wild Land Recreation	4,343	2%	Total	266,034	100%
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Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes: – Exception:	No _____																								
Commission Discussion:																										

Jonathan Oppenheimer: A couple objections filed on this? **A:** Fixing the environmental assessment

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Posted on FS NEPA page? **A:** Not sure.

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None.

Project: Diamond Creek Forest Management Project

District: Caribou-Targhee/
Montpelier and Soda Springs
Ranger District

Roadless Area: Dry Ridge, Sage Creek, and Stump Creek

Status: Preparing
Environmental EA and Draft
DN/FONSI

Table Location:

Project Lead:
Dylan Johnson
208 281-7075

Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Project Summary:

- Road Construction/Reconstruction: Both the proposed action and action alternative propose reopening and/or construction temporary roads with three different IRAs. Refer to Table 2 and Table 4 for more details.
- Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Both the proposed action and action alternative proposed timber cutting, sale, or removal within the IRAs. Refer to Table 1 and Table 3 for more details.
- Discretionary Minerals: Not in the roadless areas. The proposed action does include using mineral materials from the inactive Timber Creek Pit.
- Modification or Correction: No
- 40 acres openings

DCFMP Estimated IRA Miles Temporary Road- Proposed Action				
Temporary Road Type	Dry Ridge GFRG (Miles)	Sage Creek GFRG (Miles)	Stump Creek GFRG (Miles)	Total Miles
Temporary roads utilizing old prisms	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Newly constructed temporary roads	1.2	1.1	0.0	2.4
Total temporary roads	1.4	1.1	0.0	2.5

DCFMP Estimated IRA Miles Temporary Road- Alternative				
Temporary Road Type	Dry Ridge GFRG (Miles)	Sage Creek GFRG (Miles)	Stump Creek GFRG (Miles)	Total (Miles)
Temporary roads utilizing old prisms	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Newly constructed temporary roads	1.1	1.1	0.0	2.2
Total temporary roads	1.2	1.1	0.0	2.4

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?

Yes: –

No _____

	Exception: 36 CFR 294.23(c), 36 CFR 294.24(1)(c)(iv, v), 36 CFR 294.24(d)	
<p>Commission Discussion: Alan Prouty: What's the schedule? A: Waiting for regional forester approval for 40-acre openings and then finalize and start objection period. End of June. Jonathan Oppenheimer: Appendix O – Temp roads design? A: Yes, taking that into account. No further questions/comments.</p>		
<p>Action Requested: None.</p>		
<p>Motion to see both projects back from Mike, Second from Allan, All in favor, Aye. Motion Passes.</p>		

Motion to see both projects back from Mike Hanna, Second from Alan Prouty, All in favor, Moved.

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Wildfire crisis strategy questions/discussion with Cheryl:

- **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** The role of prescribed fire relative to project acres..recognizing that some recs that came out last year needed available for contingency recsources...could you anticipate this would be a challenge?
- **Melanie A:** Regionally talking about prescribed fire resources..duty officer for suppressed fire. Additional high priority fire shed that are on the list but never know when its gonna be in prescription.
- **Cheryl A:** Priority resources here helped make the season so successful and take advantage of every window of opportunity. Contingency would have usually affected us,,because of limited resources. Doing fine now but there will be inherent challenges.

Project: Forest Plan Revision		
District: Nez Perce- Clearwater National Forests, Forest-wide	Roadless Area: All on Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests	
Status: Working through ESA and Tribal Consultation on preferred alternative/ proposed decision and incorporating	Table Location:	Project Lead: Sara Daugherty sara.daugherty@usda.gov

comments on the DEIS into analysis. Preparing documents for release and preparing for briefing to the Washington Office in the fall.		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: No site specific actions authorized under revision, would not preclude harvest from being proposed in IRA's in the future ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: Not proposed at this time 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes: – Exception:	No
Commission Discussion:		
No questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Race Cow Project		
District: Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forest - Salmon River Ranger District Wallow-Whitman NF - Hells Canyon National Recreation Area	Roadless Area: 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.	
Status: Data collection in 2022-23 field seasons, for old growth and multiple resource areas. Refine actions, Forest Plan and Comprehensive Mgt Plan consistency check to move forward into NEPA for analysis.	Table Location: Table 2	Project Lead: Jeff Shin 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
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: 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 		

<p>prescribed burning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
<p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p>	<p>Yes - Exception: 36 CFR 294.23 (b)(1)(iv), 36 CFR Part 294.23 (e), 36 CFR 294.24., 36 CFR 294.24(c)(1)(vii), 36 CFR 294.24(c)(ii), 36 CFR 294.24(c)(iii).</p>	<p>No _____</p>
<p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Was it litigated and went back? Why is scoping so late in the project process? A: Once we start the scoping process, we want to get the project going. Still have a bit of field work to do and finalize but trying to get this done as quick as possible. A: Shift to efficiently work through the NEPA process more energy in prescoping and collaboration for that element so we have a seamless NEPA process.</p> <p>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Emergency situation determination? A: have not moved it in the portal at this point, don't want to until completely ready.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
<p>Action Requested:</p>		

<p>Project: Dead Laundry</p>		
<p>District: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests North Fork Ranger District</p>	<p>Roadless Area: Proposed treatment units are within Moose Mountain and Hoodoo RAs.</p>	
<p>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. Project put out for objections 12/31/2021 and withdrawn March 25, 2022 –</p>	<p>Table Location: Table 2</p>	<p>Project Lead: Andrew Skowlund 208 476-8223</p>
		<p>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</p>

Need to finish the over 40-acre approval process per updated RO direction (10/21/2020) before going out for objections		
Changes from Spring report: Sale dates have shifted from FY 24 to FY 26 and 27		
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No new permanent road construction is proposed in any RA. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: No ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes – Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	No
<p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>No questions/comments.</p>		
<p>Action Requested: None.</p>		

Project: Lost Toboggan Landscape Prescribed Burn Project		
District: Nez Perce – Clearwater; North Fork and Lochsa/Powell Districts	Roadless Area: Hoodoo and Bighorn-Weitas	
Status: Small NEPA CE scoped, still waiting for heritage work to be completed, and wildlife (wolverine). Anticipated implementation is field season of 2023.	Table Location: Table 2	Project Lead: Theodore Peterson 208 476-8257
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No road construction or reconstruction will occur on this project. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: No ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No minerals will be removed as a component of this project. No active mining claims exist within the project area. ▪ Modification or Correction: The activity does not require a modification or correction. 		

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes – Exception:	No
<p>Commission Discussion: <i>Jim Caswell: No changes principally? A: Nope</i></p> <p><i>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Comments around unroaded characteristics...focus or any analysis on this?</i> <i>A: Zoe will get back to Jon with this info.</i></p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
<p>Action Requested: None.</p>		

Project: Dixie Comstock Community Protection		
District: Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Red River Ranger District	Roadless Area: <u>Gospel Hump IRA</u> – 46,300 acres (16,600 in CPZ, 29,700 non-CPZ) <u>Gospel Hump Adjacent to Wilderness IRA</u> – 2,400 acres (no-CPZ) <u>Dixie Summit – Nut Hill IRA.</u>	
Status: Pre-Scoping (Collaboration).	Table Location: Table 2	Project Lead: Cheryl Probert – 208 935-2513 Jennie Fischer – 208 983-4048 Tom McLeod – 208 842-2117 Jeremy Harris – 208 983-4047
Link to Project Briefing Paper:		
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	294.24(c)(1)(i), 294.28(d)(iv)(v), 294.23 (b)(2), 294.23(c)(1)(i)	
<p>Commission Discussion: <i>Jim Caswell: First briefing was 2017, glad to see we are getting somewhere with this project. Potential Field trip?</i></p> <p>Jim will contact Cheryl.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		

Action Requested: None.

Project: Zipty Iron Mountain Communication Skills Modification		
District: Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Moose Creek Ranger District	Roadless Area: O’Hara-Falls Creek	
Status: At time of briefing paper development- in scoping	Table Location: Table 2	Project Lead: Jamie Nickel 208 765-7345
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes, 4-6 trees are proposed to be cut and left on site. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No. 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes – Exception:	No
Commission Discussion: Mike Hanna: Trees will be fell and left? A: Directionally felled and left yes. Jonathan Oppenheimer: No exception for this activity...is there an exception or not? A: Shouldn’t be an issue other than Whitebark pine being listed. No further questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Kirks East Elk		
District: Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Red River Ranger District	Roadless Area: 2- Lick Point and West Meadow Creek	
Status: At time of briefing paper development- in scoping	Table Location: Table 2	Project Lead: Janelle Nelson – 208 926-8940 Crystal Dannar – 208 839-2128
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes, fall trees for construction of fence. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No. 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes – Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	No
Commission Discussion:		
No questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None.		

Project: Southwest Butte Boundary Fence		
District: Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests	Roadless Area: John Day	
Status: Completing record for final Decision Memo	Table Location: Table 2	Project Lead: Crystal Dannar 208 839-2128
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. Cutting of trees along proposed fence line, approximately 3 miles, within 100 feet of fence line. Cut trees would not be removed or sold. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No. 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes – Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	No
Commission Discussion:		
No questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None.		

Motion to bring back Race Cow Project, Dixie Comstock Community Protection, and Dead Laundry. Second by , all in favor, Moved.

Last three don't need to be seen again.

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Project: Forest Plan Revision		
District: Salmon Challis National Forest	Roadless Area: Salmon: 30 Idaho Roadless Areas, Challis: 28 IRAs	
Status: Multi-year planning effort was initiated in October 2016. Phase 1, Assessments and collaborative relationships just beginning.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Josh Mulligan 208 756-5560
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Forest Plan will provide general direction for the management of the Salmon-Challis National Forest for the next 20+ years. Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal; Road Construction/Reconstruction; Discretionary Minerals: 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 underdeveloped standards and guidelines. Modification or Correction: None proposed. 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes _____ Exception:	No _____
<p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Separating areas out, if so, which will go first?? A: Salmon out of the gate.</p> <p>Michael Gibson: Planning group staffed out? A: In the process of being staffed out. Intent was to open the door at the beginning of this fiscal year.</p> <p>Michael Gibson: Housed in one place or remote work? A: Remote in the footprint of regions 1,2,3,4.</p> <p>Michael Gibson: Are those primary, they aren't doubling teaming? A: Dedicated Forest planning unit. Will work on plans.</p> <p>Mike Hanna: Conflict team out of Montana. How do they fit in this role for the process? A: Reengaging with the public and how we present ourselves and addressing the questions they are going to have. They have experiencing working with forest revisions especially in region one.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
Action Requested:		

Project: Sheep Creek Vegetation Improvement Project		
District: Salmon-Challis National Forest / North Fork District	Roadless Area: West big hole - 943	
Status: NFMA gathering, collaborative development, and public engagement of Purpose and Need and Proposed Action.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Chris Waverek 208 865-2731
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: 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. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: 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. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.23 (b) (2), 294.23 (d) (1), 294.23 (d) (2), 294.24 (c), 294.24 (c) (i), 294.24	No _____

	(c) (vii), 294.24 (d), 294.28 (d), 294.29 (f)	
Commission Discussion:		
<i>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Pending ESA concurrence..but doesn't sound like you have submitted the BA?</i>		
<i>A: Need to update the language...submitted one and got comments back so need to revise and resubmit.</i>		
No further questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Bayhorse Project V2		
District: Salmon-Challis N.F., Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District	Roadless Area: Squaw Creek	
Status: Analysis phase post 30- Day Comment Period.	Table Location:	Project Lead: David Morris 208 879-4127
		Heath S Perrine 208 879-4125
Link to Project Briefing Paper:		
Project Summary:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: There is potential for maintenance of Forest Roads. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: There would be no commercial 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. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.23(e), 294.24(c)(1)(iii), 294.24(c)(1)(iv), 294.24(c)(1)(v), 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	No _____
Commission Discussion:		

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Dates on page 2 of briefing paper...analysis of new comments..says January 2022 is that supposed to be 2023? **A:** History with objections. In '22 took it through objections, in doing so we effectively revised the EA therefore went out again for objection. In a second objection period, seeing a lot of the same objections.

Second objection resolution period at this time.

Claim was that there wasn't consistency with Roadless...but found that we were consistent first time around and anticipate we will be again.

Mike Hanna: Interested to see how future objections play out. Review after objection period.

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Something that related to previously managed areas? **A:** Don't believe so, no commercial harvest only thinning.

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Just system roads -- not any non-system roads? **A:** There might be non-system U routes.

Jonathan Oppenheimer: No utilization of U routes? **A:** No.

Chris Moyer: What would Mike want to know for review? **A:** What the challenges were to the rule and reference them and discussion how that discussion went.

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Project: Salmon-Challis Fuels Reduction and Restoration Project

District: Salmon-Challis N.F

Roadless Area: All

Status: NFMA gathering, collaborative development, and public engagement of Purpose and Need and Proposed Action.

Table Location:

Project Lead:
Christine Droske
406-529-1750

Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Project Summary:

- **Road Construction/Reconstruction:** 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.
- **Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:** 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.
- **Discretionary Minerals:** No

Modification or Correction: No		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.23 (d)(2), 294.24(a), 294.24 (b)(ii)(iii)(v), 294.24 (c)(i)(ii)(iv)(v)vii). 294.24(d), 294.24(a), 294.26(b), 294.29(f)	No _____
Commission Discussion:		
<p>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Anything specific to roadless in objections that would be informative here? A: one thing that stood out – wildlife guardians intent behind some of the language in the analysis, had to clear up some misconceptions for fire treatments.</p> <p>Brad Gilbert: What would instigate litigation in your process? A: Just based on speculation, it would be after we implement and scrutinized for “did you do what you were supposed to do”.</p> <p>Jim Caswell: When you have a window and you decide what burn and location..should we assume you would write up a burn plan so is there some communication to the public? A: Yes.</p> <p>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Unauthorized routes... A: If the landscape has taken over those again, we aren’t going to use those.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Big A Vegetation Project		
District: Salmon-Challis N.F. Challis-Yankee Fork R.D.	Roadless Area: Sq--- and Spring Basin	
Status: Decision.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Erin Pierson 208 879-4155
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Yes. An estimated 1.5 miles of new temporary road construction will be needed to reduce hazardous fuel conditions and reduce the risk of wildland fire disturbance that could directly or indirectly adversely affect the at-risk community of Challis, Idaho, and its municipal watershed in Garden Creek. The Garden Creek Municipal Watershed is approximately one mile northeast of the proposed IRA units. The community of Challis is in the Garden Creek Watershed further to the northeast. Historic burn patterns on the Salmon-Challis NF indicate wildland fire generally moves in a northeast direction. The expected burn pattern of a wildfire in the 		

Squaw Creek Drainage would pose a risk to the municipal watershed and the at-risk community.

294.23(b)(3)(i) The Regional Forester may approve temporary road construction or road reconstruction to reduce hazardous fuel conditions outside a community protection zone where in the Regional Foresters judgement the circumstances set out below exist. Temporary road construction or road construction to reduce fuels conditions under this provision will be dependent on forest type and is expected to be infrequent. There is significant risk that a wildland fire disturbance event could adversely affect an at-risk community or maniple water supply system pursuant to 294.24(c)(1)(ii). A significant risk exists where the history of fire occurrence, and fire hazard and risk, indicate a serious likelihood that a wildland fire disturbance event would present a high risk of threat to an at- risk community or municipal water supply system.

294.23(b)(3)(ii) The Regional Forester may approve temporary road construction or road reconstruction to reduce hazardous fuel conditions outside a community protection zone where in the Regional Foresters judgement the circumstances set out below exist. Temporary road construction or road construction to reduce fuels conditions under this provision will be dependent on forest type and is expected to be infrequent. The activity cannot be reasonably accomplish without a temporary road.

- **Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:** Yes. Proposed 705 acres of commercial harvest, timber stand improvement and aspen restoration.
- **Discretionary Minerals:** No
- **Modification or Correction:** No

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?

Yes -

Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(ii),
294.24(c)(1)(iv),
294.24(c)(1)(viii),

No _____

Commission Discussion:

Jonathan Oppenheimer: *One of the exceptions is prior management activity can you point that out?*
A: *Near Cabin Cash.*

Jonathan Oppenheimer: *Meaning Prior management activity/to the rule so landscape was modified meaning it doesn't meet roadless definition?* **A:** *Yep.*

Jonathan Oppenheimer: *No longer meets roadless characteristics...encourage FS to acknowledge inconsistencies. Updated forest planning and thoughtful consideration of reinventory.*

Mapping errors concern from Mike Hanna.

Still SQ, new name hasn't been finalized. USGS going to figure that out.

Jim Caswell: *Do you have the guidance document?* **A:** *Yes*

Upper NF: Never implemented? A: In part and still working on it. Signed decision in 2015, since then have been trying to implement. In terms of the roadless, section on the side of Moose Creek looking at exemption. Havent done any roading in there. Is still ongoing.

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Project: Copper Wood Post and Pole

District: Salmon-Challis N.F.,
Salmon Cobalt District

Roadless Area: South Deep Creek Roadless

Status: Project has been scoped, currently awaiting cultural surveys prior to decision.

Table Location:

Project Lead:
Nathan Meyer
208 865-2721

Bobbi Filbert
208 727-5003

Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Project Summary:

- **Road Construction/Reconstruction:** No
- **Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:** The Copper Wood project would authorize forest product removal, as previously described, by the public, through the use of personal use permit. This project would not authorize product removal through commercial contracts.
- **Discretionary Minerals:** No
- **Modification or Correction:** No

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?

Yes -

Exception: 294.24(d), 294.26(c)

No _____

Commission Discussion:

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Unit in East, general forest? A: Yes, but two themes in there.

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Project: Ramey Forest Products

District: Salmon-Challis N.F., Lost River R.D.

Roadless Area: Pioneer Mountains

Status: Preparing to scope.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Erin Pierson 208 879-4155
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. 250 acres of personal use fuelwood. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vi)	No _____
Commission Discussion:		
Jim Caswell: Guidance paper for temporary roads..encourages that this is looked at and reviewed.		
Jim Caswell: Where the road crosses the stream the first time, wasn't that washed out? A: Still fleshing things out, unauthorized and could have to potentially harden it.		
Would have to make the determination that nothing would be done to use it. Or call it overland travel, since the roadless rule doesn't weigh in on that.		
Jonathan Oppenheimer: Authorizing a route pursuant to other authorization, not a forest road, preclude cross country travel 212.1 CFR, then becomes a temporary road.		
Does it meet authorization to then trigger the rule?		
Dan Dinning: Downside of calling it a temp road? A: Has to do with the rule, construction, or reconstruction. Can it be temp but not construction/reconstruction road?		
No further questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None		

Motion to bring all back, except post and pole by Jonathan Oppenheimer Second by Alan Prouty... All in favor. Moved.

Boise National Forest

Project: Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape Project (SWIRL)		
District: Boise National Forest / Emmett, Cascade, Lowman, Idaho City, and Mountain Home Ranger Districts	Roadless Area: Multiple	
	Table Location:	Project Lead:

Status: Project is being analyzed. Public comment period expected July 2023.		Ryan Jones ryan.c.jones@usda.gov Link to Project Briefing Paper:
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. Non-commercial thinning treatments would include the cutting of generally small diameter trees and brush or other 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. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24	No _____
<p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p><i>Jim Caswell: Provide a quick summary of roadless areas impacted by this? A: 22 areas, not doing mechanical treatments only prescribed burns along with the prep work around White Bark pine.</i></p> <p><i>Jonathan Oppenheimer: Do SWIRL projects cover the entire forest not just the area designated under the wildfire crisis strategy? A: Covers 2.2 million acres, the entire forest with the except of wilderness.</i></p> <p><i>Is Tamarack going to stay idle for a while? A: Last fall was still idle with change in forest leadership. A: A long way to go before its forest priority.</i></p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
Action Requested: None		

Motion to see SWIRL back by Michael Gibson, Second Mike Hanna, All in Favor. Moved.

Payette National Forest

Project: Stibnite Gold Project		
District: Payette and Boise National Forests	Roadless Area:	
Status: FEIS and Draft Record of Decision Projected for December 2023.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Kevin Knesek 208 819-5786 Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Decision and beginning of the Objection Period Projected for Spring of 2024.		
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: ▪ Discretionary Minerals: ▪ Modification or Correction: <p>Received almost 20,000 comments on SDIS. 3,000 substantive comments. Expect to potentially release FEIS December 2023. Decision potential Spring 2024.</p>		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	<p>Yes -</p> <p><i>Exception:</i> 294.24</p>	<p>No _____</p>
<p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p><i>Jonathan Oppenheimer:</i> Consistency around the burnt log route by the public, no response to how that will be consistent with the CFR? A: Still on the consideration.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
<p>Action Requested: None</p>		

Project: Rapid River Travel Management		
District: Payette National Forest/New Meadows Ranger District	Roadless Area: Rapid River	
Status: Decision Notice Signed.	Table Location:	<p>Project Lead: Dana Harris 208 514-5809</p> <p>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</p>
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: No ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	<p>Yes -</p> <p><i>Exception:</i></p>	<p>No _____</p>
<p>Commission Discussion:</p>		

No questions/comments.
Action Requested: None

Project: East Fork South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan (EFSF RAMP)		
District: Payette NF, Krassel RD	Roadless Area: Caton Lake, Horse Heaven, Sugar Mountain, Meadow Creek, Secesh	
Status: The project was initiated in August 2019 with field validation of the draft Big Creek-Yellow Pine Collaborative proposal. The initial Project Scoping period closed on November 22, 2021. The environmental assessment is being drafted currently and is anticipated for publishing for a public comment period in July 2023.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Joshua Simpson 208 634-0616
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Unknown at this time. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Possibly, due to potential road decommissioning and trail maintenance activities. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No, there is no mineral activity associated with this project. ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	No _____
Commission Discussion:		
Jonathan Oppenheimer: Jim do you recall 2018 when there was discuss on concerns about designating trails open to full size vehicles, did we send correspondence? A: Conversations with FS on this issue but not to the Governor.		
Jonathan Oppenheimer: Was there another project presented that had the same concerns? A: Not sure.		
Jim Caswell: Is that something that is still in the mix on this? A: We are currently drafting with three alternatives, but none do more than 15 inch or less ATV route. NO TOV's proposed in IRA's.		
No further questions/comments.		

Action Requested: None

Project: Brundage Mountain Resort Master Development Plan (MDP) Acceptance

District: Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District	Roadless Area: French Creek	
Status: 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.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Jennifer Blake 208 315-2908
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Project Summary:

- **Road Construction/Reconstruction:** 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.
- **Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:** 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.
- **Discretionary Minerals:** No
- **Modification or Correction:** No

Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24, 294.25, 294.26	No _____
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Commission Discussion:

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Is the briefing paper updated? **A:** Accepted it less than a week ago so we didn’t get an update into the IRC package.

Jonathan Oppenheimer: No information to think that they would come back for a second bite of Roadless. **A:** They could resubmit, but we accepted the portions and if they did accept anything they would submit that info.

Jonathan Oppenheimer: Anything on the record for this? **A:** Letter was sent?

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Project: Railroad Saddle Forest Restoration Project		
District: Payette National Forest, New Meadows District	Roadless Area: Rapid River	
Status: The project is in the objection resolution stage, awaiting the biological opinion from USFWS.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Kara Kirkpatrick 208 631-8427
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Within the Rapid River IRA, trees are proposed to be cut for site preparation for whitebark pine planting and for pre-treatment before prescribed fire. Vegetation removed will be small diameter trees and brush or other 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. The prescribed burning and whitebark pine planting in the Rapid River IRA is only a small aspect of the larger project. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24 (a)(1)(2)	No _____
Commission Discussion: Alan Prouty: Wasn't there an early project proposed for this area? What happened there? A: Went into litigation for that project and lost and this is the second EA after changes were made. Alan Prouty: Specific reasons it was overturned? A: Classifying prescription areas incorrectly. Classified the ground as restoration instead of commercial. Technicality win. Alliance made the appeal. Nothing to do with roadless aspects. Jonathan Oppenheimer: Briefing paper was before objection period closed? A: one of the objectors did No further questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Payette National Forest Resilience and Fuels Reduction Prescribed Fire Project		
District: Payette National Forest / Council, Weiser, New Meadows, McCall, and Krassel Ranger Districts	Roadless Area: Multiple	
Status: The project is being analyzed. Scoping period occurred in November 2022. Public comment period on the EA expected July 2023.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Patrick Schon patrick.schon@usda.gov
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. Non-commercial thinning treatments would include the cutting of generally small-diameter trees and brush or other 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. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24	No _____
Commission Discussion: No questions/comments.		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project		
District: Payette National Forest/McCall & New Meadows Ranger Districts	Roadless Area: French Creek & Patrick Butte	
Status: Public scoping finished on 3/28/2023. Within the analysis phase for the environmental assessment.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Dana Harris 208 514-5809
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No, new road construction or road reconstruction is proposed. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Timber cutting, sale, and removal is proposed in the Patrick Butte and French Creek IRAs. Vegetation would be cut through mechanized and non-mechanized means. All vegetation treatments may be followed by some level of prescribed fire (pile burning, jackpot burning and/or low- severity broadcast burning) and incidental tree cutting, and removal may occur to implement burns safely and efficiently in IRAs. Tree cutting could occur incidental to streambank, wetland, riparian, and meadow restoration activities. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No 		
Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?	Yes - Exception: 294.24(b)(1)(i), 294.24(b)(1)(iii), 294.24(b)(1)(v), 294.24(c)(1)(ii), 294.24(c)(1)(iii), 294.24(c)(1)(vii)	No _____
<p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p><i>Reviewing the proposed action. May make substantial changes. Project isn't ready to be introduced to the commission. Will come during the Fall.</i></p> <p>Brad Gilbert: <i>Good that this is being refined.</i></p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p>		
Action Requested: None		

Project: Garnet Creek Exploration Drilling Project		
District: Payette National Forest/Council Ranger District	Roadless Area: Hells Canyon/Seven Devils Scenic (001)	
Status: Public Scoping May 2023.	Table Location:	Project Lead: Piper Goessel 208 634-0760
		Link to Project Briefing Paper:
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Yes. Minor repair and temporary reconstruction are proposed. Proposed access to 2 drill sites would require ground-disturbance within the IRA: 1) improvement of 1,785 feet an existing cut-fill prism and 2) 984 feet of road reconstruction (map attached). All ground-disturbing operations, including sequential reclamation of drill sites and re-opened access routes to pre-existing conditions, would be completed within a single operating season. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. Re-opening of the existing undetermined routes may require clearing of any saplings (lodgepole pine and douglas fir) that have 		

<p>regenerated since the routes were closed and/or reclaimed, but no merchantable timber would be cut, sold, or otherwise removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No, the proposed operation is authorized by United States mining laws. ▪ Modification or Correction: No, the purpose of the environmental analysis is to support a decision whether to: 1) approve the Plan as submitted or 2) require reasonable changes and/or additions to the Plan to comply with applicable laws and regulations, protect surface resources, and minimize adverse environmental impacts prior to approval. 		
<p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p>	<p>Yes - Exception: 294.25(b)</p>	<p>No _____</p>
<p>Commission Discussion: <i>Jonathan Oppenheimer:</i> Presume that not part of any acquired land. A: Yes, its Brookline lands. <i>Jim Caswell:</i> Camp site that is used for the drill operations? A: Yes, it is an existing dispersed site. No further questions/comments.</p>		
<p>Action Requested: None</p>		

<p>Project: Big Creek Work Center Water System Upgrades</p>		
<p>District: Payette National Forest, Krassel Ranger District</p>	<p>Roadless Area: Placer Creek</p>	
<p>Status: Conducting analysis. Using CE category 36 CFR 220.6(e)(21) Construction, reconstruction, decommissioning, relocation, or disposal of buildings.</p>	<p>Table Location:</p>	<p>Project Lead: Samuel Thompson 208 634-0715</p>
		<p>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</p>
<p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Unlikely, incidental, if needed ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No. ▪ Modification or Correction: No. 		
<p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p>	<p>Yes - Exception: 294.25(vi)(vii)</p>	<p>No _____</p>
<p>Commission Discussion: No questions/comments.</p>		

Action Requested: None

Motion to bring back Stibnite Gold, Payette Forest Wide, Railroad Saddle Forest, East Fork South Fork RAMP, and Granite Goose... Second by Jonathan Oppenheimer, All in favor. Moved.

Public Comments/Discussion

- Redesigning Granite Goose...will be brought back in the fall because its redesigned or will it take longer?
 - In the middle of rethinking what they started with. Intent to present at the fall meeting with the update as a “new” project. But no guarantees. Marked that’s coming back so it doesn’t get left out in the fall.
- **Chris Moyer:** As were transitioning from Amy to Catherine, some of the projects are coming back but don’t have anything going on, do they need to be flagged to check before next meeting?
 - Comfortable with the statement that there has been no development/updates.
 - Everything is still in the spreadsheet, so there is security with that. It won’t be left out.
- **Dan Dinning:** Keep those on the agenda. Keep Idaho Open Meeting law in mind because the public needs to know whether there are updates or not.
- Contact information for Catherine Blackwell to be shared with the commission.
- **Jonathan Oppenheimer:** Myrtle Creek field tour summary.
 - Monitoring: Photo points were not identified? Could follow up on that.

Wrap up

- Fall meeting: tentative date/times?
 - Usually between October and Thanksgiving.

Feedback

- None

Motion by Jim Caswell to adjourn, Second by Mike Hanna, All in favor, Moved.

Adjourn @ 3:15pm