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Agenda Virtual and In-person Meeting November 14, 2023

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

**Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters
Owyhee Meeting Room
600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho 83712**

Public Comment

The public is invited for to provide comment to the Roadless Commission. Comment on a specific project may be provided during that project update. If you wish to comment on a specific project during that projects' update, simply use the "raise your hand" feature and you will be called upon to comment. More general public comment may be provided at the allotted time on the agenda. If you wish to provide comment at the allotted public comment time, you must express your intent to comment in the chat feature and you will be placed on a list and called upon when it is your turn to provide comment. If no members of the public registers for public comment and the Commission has concluded the rest of the agenda items, the Commission may adjourn. Written comment may also be provided by email at Species.Conservation@osc.idaho.gov .

Idaho Roadless Commission Meeting

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In Person Address:

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Introductions:

Commission Members present: Jim Caswell, Michael Gibson, Mike Hanna, Dale Harris, Brad Gilbert, Jonathan Oppenheimer, Bill Higgins, Pete Stegner,

Forest Service: Dan McKeague, Alison Ginn, Catherine Blackwell, Kelly Orr

Idaho State: Darren Parker (Risch), Jace Hogg, Dominique Cota

SECTION I: Welcome and Business Meeting – November 14

Call to Order – 9:30 – 10:00 am MT (8:30-9:00 am PT)

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome/Introductions/New Members..... Jim Caswell
 - Three members terms expire in February 2024: Billy Barquin, Jim Caswell, and Michael Gibson.
 - 2025: MOU will expire in February. Need to start working on it during the 2024 calendar year.
 - Added update on field visit that occurred in Orogrande with CBC effort. Added to the agenda.
 - No briefing paper, just a report out.

Preliminary Action Items – 10:00 – 10:30 am MT (9:00 – 9:30 am PT)

Review/Approve 06/07/2023 notes..... Michael Gibson

- Any edits: None.
- Motion to approve by Jonathan Oppenheimer, Second by Mike Hanna, All in Favor. Moved.

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

- Trying to document what has changed in terms of the roadless rules...pieces that are not included in wilderness and smaller than 500 acres.
 - How to deal with leftover parcels?
 - What acres by theme changed from roadless to wilderness?
 - How are acres managed?
 - Are boundary lines and themes compatible?
- **Two roadless areas within this area.**
- **Three options for documentation:** Something administrative may need legal advice from OSC. Language within the sunset in the 2015 bill, department can make adjustments to the boundaries. IRC Sub-committee needs USFS presence.
 - **Kurt:** Do you guys have something put in place for modification and corrections? **A:** Clause in the rule. Modification has 45-day public review.
 - **Kurt:** Scale is a rule change? **A:** Yes.
 - **Questions that need answers:** Are we going to manage it? Private in holdings status? Do we leave those as primitive or change them?
 - 25,146 of roadless that became wilderness drops inventory.
 - **Mike Hanna:** Southern boundary towards Galena...Is that a different theme? **A:** That is outside of Roadless. General Forest. Not a theme just management. Why not just adjust that boundary?
 - **Q:** Why are the mining claims erased? **A:** Patented private ground so it is not roadless.
 - **Brad Gilbert:** Any documents on why primitive areas aren't included in the bill? **A:** Not sure, negotiation and collaboration over many years. Wild land rec and forest plan recommended that wilderness was compatible. Simpson worked with USFS and recommended wilderness for planning designations. Core of the deliberations.
 - Committee report discusses history and reduction of acreage to keep trails open and snowmobiling open.
 - **Micheal Gibson:** TU built roadless layer and took out the wilderness designations from the older layer that shows original roadless units. May work on putting that back in.
 - **Kurt:** Wilderness has precedence over roadless units.
 - **Jim Caswell :** Jerry Peak...we have a map that shows need to verify the BLM acres. Appendices by forest that has resources and status for each roadless area. 3 WSA's adjacent to the Boulder White Clouds. Acres for Jerry Peak has 46,000 acres. Not sure what happened there?
 - **A:** Math does add up but will double check.

- **Get the report done so the Governor, Senator Risch, and Regions have it, so when the opportunity arises it's clean and ready to go. Recommendations on medium sized units, heavy discussion on the little sections included.**
- **Jim Caswell:** No reason to change primitive designations.
- **Q:** What would that do for hazard tree removal? **A:** Nothing. Manage as consistent with the forest plan.
- **EIS for rule, everything was rounded to 200 acres?**
- **Q:** When was the last time we completed a modification? **A:** Adjustments for the in holdings during the forest planning effort before it was completed..like 4000 acres. In holdings became national forest and were adjacent to roadless. Modified those and decided to set up criteria and USFS went through modification process with that. Done around 2014, and Caribou-Targhee was 2015.
- **Bill:** How many object codes are there? **A:** Up to at least 230, not completely sure how the GIS guy did the numbers.
- 17 parcels that are .01 to 6 acres that spread. Four parcels between 14 to ? acres. Three parcels that are 123 to 708 acres. Two parcels that are from 1850 to 4571 acres. Two from 3600-4500 acres (large).
- The trail that was mentioned previously is motorized.
- Call the subcommittee together and put it into a document. Who will collaborate?
 - Effective engagement? Forest level staff?
 - Yes. Must have the “ok” to say “we agree”.
 - Will hold a brief to have everyone on the same page.
- **Dale:** Do we need a formal request to the agency to get their attention? **A:** We are right now. All within Region 4, but setting precedent for all regions. Forest level engagement and then regional office engagement for the process.
 - Also need somebody from Sawtooth and Salmon Challis.
 - Transparent with the opportunistic timeline about when these mods would happen.
- **Changes in Staffing note from Dan:**
 - Intention to do forest plan revision in a consistent way. Mountain planning group for regions 1-4.
 - 10 year rotations for staff.
- **Micheal:** Sawtooth may see revision in 10 years? **A:** TBD but that is the intent.
- **Jim:** Within the next two weeks...pull subcommittee together to look at the entire map and get an outline. Jim and Michael work on the document. Finalize in Jan/Feb and review at the Spring 2025 meeting.
 - **Contacting Catherine Blackwell and someone from GIS shop would be the best approach.**

10:30 – 10:45 am MT (9:30-9:45 am PT)

Update on Project Spreadsheet.....Catherine Blackwell

- Catherine updated the projects that now have decisions.
 - Noticed things that need cleaning up: numbers have been tallied rather than formulated as usual. Will work with each forest this winter.
 - How is information presented? How do we show projects on hold or taken off entirely?
 - **Jim Caswell:** In the Spring or before, share the outcome of your clean up work.
 - **Catherine:** Will do, was well maintained but could be more effective in showing the detail that matters.
 - **Mike Hanna:** Old NEPA has a lifespan and needs to be removed. Anything that has been litigated?
 - Focus on the columns that show what HAS been done and completed.
 - Check in meeting sometime in March before the Spring meeting to go over updates/outcomes.
- Let Catherine know if there is anything you would like to see.

Orogrande, ID Visit.....Mike Hanna/Jace Hogg/Bill Higgins

- Meeting was organized by CBC.
- Gathering at Red River Ranger District and discussed their USFS challenges with maintaining crews and housing.
- Stewardship contracts and maintenance work. Not sure if the ranger pursued that funding source.
- Orogrande & Williams Fire:
 - Mitigation work around Williams. Strategic fuel breaks above and around township. Was really successful, fire crews were proud of those anchor points to fight the fire.
 - Several locals joined and structure protection discussion.
 - Possible need for USFS education on what is done now for fires with that severity. To decrease push back for the future.
- Jace Hogg:
 - Dramatic landscape and structures that were still standing were showing incredible signs of regrowth.
 - Reporter from NPR on wildfire strategy was present.
- Bill Higgins: Challenges
 - Focus on the time it took.
 - **Jim Caswell:** Wasn't there a building that burned on the South end of Orogrande beyond where the treatments stopped? **A:** The old hotel at Williams Creek burnt and there may have been another structure. Were in the face of where it came over the hill.
 - Prioritizes where to put the money...screening CPZ's and sharing areas to focus on. Most are prioritized but could be even higher priorities. Want to help with that decision making.
 - Kurt: Video from USFS was produced.
 - USFS struggles to tell our story. That was effective treatment and that should be highlighted. Many comments that they aren't...but to show this and how it increases chances to work.

Break – 10:45 am – 11:00 am MT (9:45- 10:00 am PT)

Regular Agenda – Action Items – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm MT (10:00 am – 11:30 pm PT)

PROJECT UPDATES and NEW PROJECTS

1. Non-Timber, Roads, or Minerals Small Projects – Catherine Blackwell – Includes all Forests:
Winnemucca Bridge Project (Salmon-Challis) Initial Briefing

Lunch Break – 12:30 – 1:30 pm MT (11:30- 12:30 pm PT)

Public Comment – 1:30 – 2:30 pm MT (12:30 – 1:30 pm PT)

2. Idaho Panhandle National Forests – Joe Ford, Environmental Coordinator
Granite Fuels (Idaho Panhandle) Initial Briefing
3. Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest – Anjel Tomayko, Environmental Coordinator
Forest Plan Revision..... Update/Status
Race Cow..... Update/Status
Dead Laundry..... Update/Status
Lost Toboggan Landscape Prescribed Burn..... No update at this time; will bring project
back for Spring 2024 meeting.
Dixie Comstock..... Update/Status
4. Caribou- Targhee Nation Forest – Ashly Kula, NEPA Planner
Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration..... Update/Status
Diamond Creek Forest Management..... Update/Status

Break – 3:00 – 3:15 PM MT (2:30- 2:15 PM PT)

5. Boise National Forest – Terre Pearson-Ramirez, Environmental Coordinator
Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape (SWIRL) No update at this time; will bring project
back for Spring 2024 meeting.
6. Payette National Forest – Kara Kirkpatrick-Kreit, Environmental Coordinator
Stibnite Gold EIS (very brief update) Update/Status
East Fork South Fork RAMP..... Update/Status
Railroad Saddle Forest Restoration..... Update/Status
Payette Forest-Wide Prescribed Fire..... Update/Status
7. Salmon-Challis National Forest – Jeff Huntzman, NEPA Planner
Update Forest Plan Revision..... Update/Status
Vegetation Improvement Update/Status
Bayhorse V2..... Update/Status
S-C Fuel Reduction and Restoration Update/Status
Big A Vegetation..... Update/Status
Ramey Forest Products This project has been dropped from the Forest's
current program of work.
Copper Mountain Road Reroute..... Initial Briefing

Everson Creek Trail Reroute Initial Briefing

No Projects:

Kootenai National Forest
Sawtooth National Forest

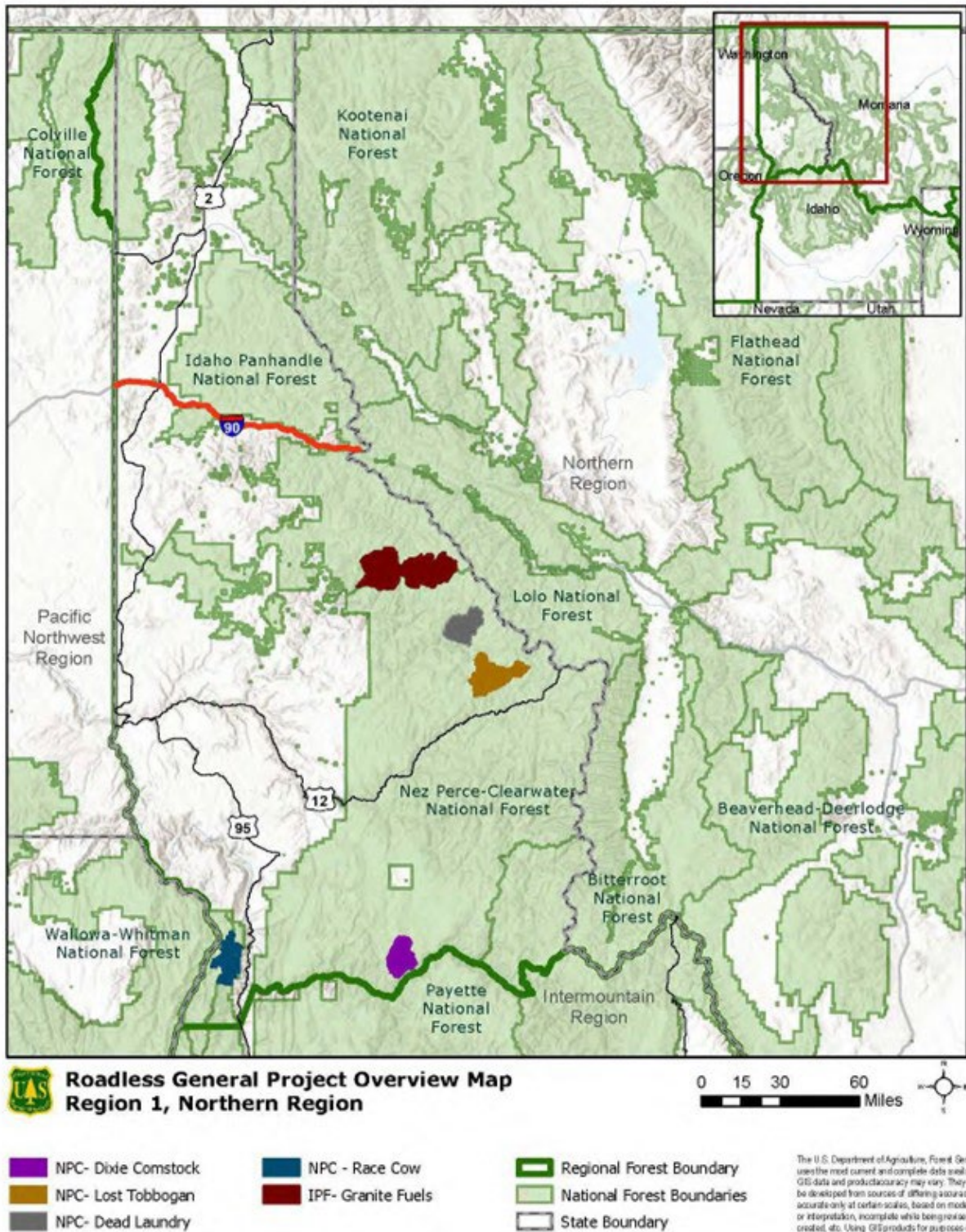
Feedback on today's meeting and discussion of future meetings

Adjourn – 5:00 pm MT, 4:00 pm PT

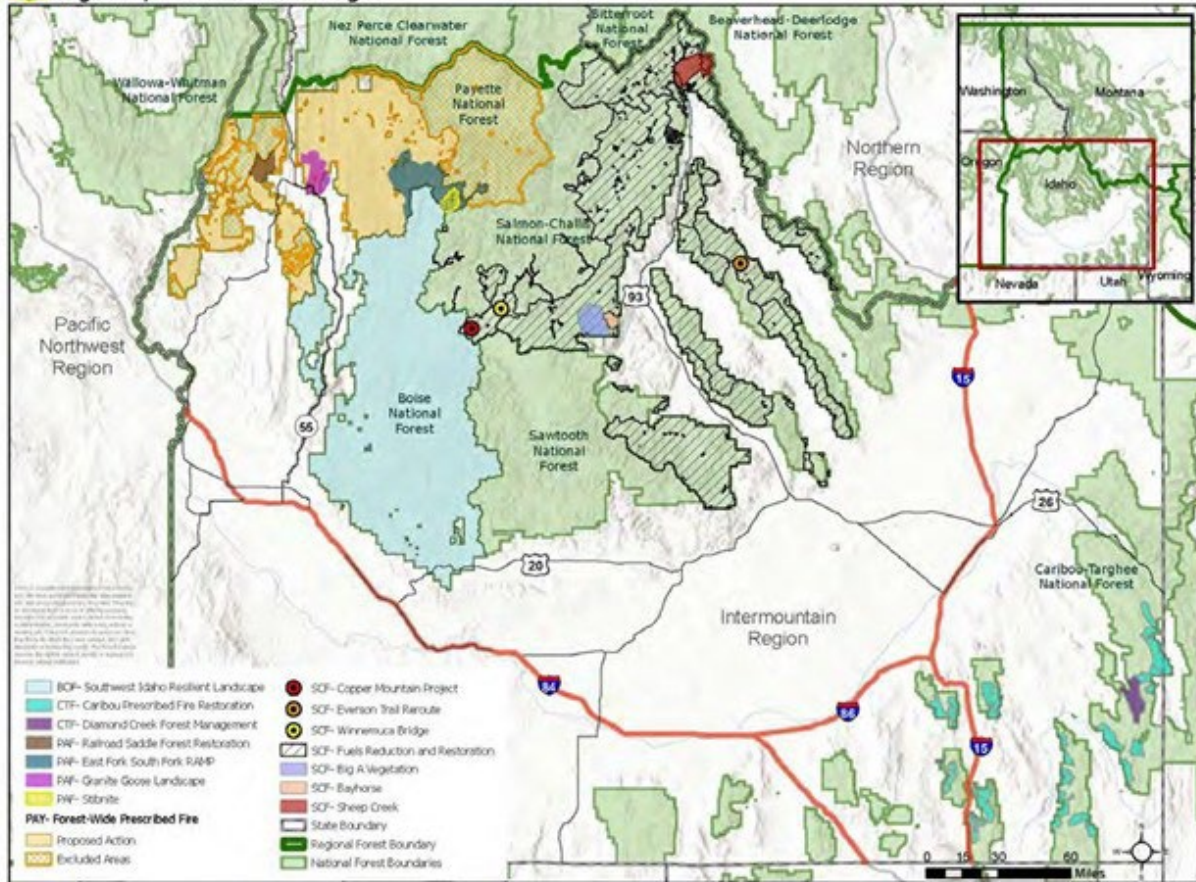
Overview Maps

Region 1

Region 4



**Roadless General Project Overview Map
Region 4, Intermountain Region**



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.

Winnemucca Bridge Project..... Initial Briefing

- Decision was signed last week. November 2023.

Additional Notes:

- No further questions/comments.

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

National Forest: Salmon – Challis National Forest

Project Name: Winnemucca Bridge Project

IRA Name and Theme: Loon Creek IRA; Backcountry Restoration

Type of Activity e.g., planting, prescribed burn, waterline, etc.): The project involves constructing a 50” trail bridge across Winnemucca Creek to replace an existing ford crossing on the Motorized Vehicle Trail #4034 in the Loon Creek IRA. Trail is already established – trail maintenance will occur. Access to site will utilize existing roads, FS Rd #008, Fs Rd #172, and Fs Rd #354. Staging for project will occur at the intersection of FS Rd #172 and FS Rd #008, ~3.5 miles from project site, outside of roadless. The project will be completed during the summer of 2024 – 2028. Design and implementation will be coordinated with Trout Unlimited, Tread Lightly, and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA: Activities will occur in approximately 2 acres of the Loon Creek IRA.

NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS) and expected Decision Date: CE, Decision expected Spring of 2024.

National Forest: Idaho Panhandle National Forest/St. Joe Ranger District

Project Name: Granite Fuels

IRA Name and Theme: The project area consists of the following Forest Plan Management Areas:

- 65% Recommended Wilderness (MA 1b)
- 17% Backcountry (MA 5)
- 6% Wild and Scenic River (MA 2a Wild)

- 1% Wild and Scenic River (MA 2a Recreation)
- 1% General Forest (MA 6)
- 10% State of Idaho Snow Peak WMA

Type of Activity e.g., planting, prescribed burn, waterline, etc.): Use fire (both planned and unplanned ignitions) over 112,266 acres to modify vegetation and trend towards forest plan desired conditions for composition and structure for the biophysical settings within the project area. Use fire (both planned and unplanned ignitions) to insure sufficient quantities of high-quality, palatable shrubs and forbs for big game. Return fire to the project area to establish a pattern of forest conditions across the landscape that consists of a range of patch sizes that have a diversity of successional stages,

densities, and compositions. Increase in the size of forest patches that are dominated by trees in the seedling/sapling size class, as well as in the large size class. Decrease in the size of the patches that are dominated by trees in the small and medium size classes. Protect overall backcountry experience for the recreating public.

No timber cutting, sales, or removal are proposed in this project.

No road construction or reconstruction are proposed in this project.

Approximate Acres of Activity within IRA: All 112,266 acres are within Roadless. There are some existing roads within this area but anything outside of those existing corridors is roadless.

NEPA type (CE, EA, EIS) and expected Decision Date: CE, Decision expected (TBD) – Yet to be scoped.

Important: Send completed Briefing Template to the Idaho Roadless Coordinator (Catherine Blackwell, mary.blackwell@usda.gov) prior to signing Decision document.

- **Pre scoping assessment and surveys.**

- Commission Discussion:

Jim: Briefing paper isn't present...but was moved from small to normal projects.

Jim: Going to want to track this through NEPA.

Catherine: Challenge with pulling the packages together..leaving enough time to compile. Thinking about having folks update the package itself so that info is updated closer to the meeting. Striving to have increased communication.

Chuck Mark: Project is sorely needed.

Jonathan: Fire up there is Sawtooth creek within the project area? Effectively count or would it just be baseline? **A:** Baseline. Long history of managing fire in this area, mostly logical values. Sawtooth was a light burn. Doesn't change the character of roadless area.

No further questions/comments.

Motion to bring this back Mike Hanna, Second by Michael Gibson, All in favor. Moved.

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.

Nez Perce—Clearwater National Forests

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| Project: Forest Plan Revision | | |
| District: Nez Perce- Clearwater National Forests, Forest-wide | Roadless Area: All Nez Perce- Clearwater National Forests | |
| Status: Working through ESA and Tribal Consultation on preferred alternative/proposed decision and incorporation comments on the DEIS into analysis. Preparing document for release and preparing for briefing to the Washinton Office in the fall | Table Location: | Project Lead: Sara Daugherty sara.daugherty@usda.gov |
| | | 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. <p>Timeline: FEIS Release: Fall 2023 Objection Period: Fall/Winter 2023 and into early 2024 Record of Decision/Revised Forest Plan: 2024</p> | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes: – Exception: | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: No questions/comments. | | |
| Action Requested: None. | | |

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| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes: – Exception: | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: No questions/comments. | | |
| Action Requested: None. | | |

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| Project: Race Cow | | |
| 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: Preparing Environmental EA and Draft DN/FONSI | Table Location: | Project Lead: Jeff Shinn 208-839-2103 Brian Anderson 541-426-5501 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 prescribed burning. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No. ▪ Modification or Correction: No. | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes: ✓ Exception: 294.23 (b)(1)(iv), 294.23 (e), 294.24, 94.24(c)(1)(vii), 294.24(c)(ii), 294.24(c)(iii). | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: No questions/comments. | | |
| Action Requested: None. | | |

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| Project: Dead Laundry | | |
| District: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests North Fork Ranger District | Roadless Area: Proposed treatment units are within Moose Mountain and Hoodoo RAs. | |
| Status: The project was scoped to the public in March 2020. The draft EA will initiate another public scoping period (estimated for April 2021). | Table Location: Table 2 | Project Lead: Andrew Skowlund 208 476-8223 Link to Project Briefing Paper: |

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| <p>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 – Need to finish the over 40-acre approval process per updated RO direction (10/21/2020) before going out for objections.</p> | | |
| <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 <p>Project Objection Period and Objections have been resolved. North Fork Ranger District staff are adding additional documentation to the project record to comply with instructions from the objection resolution.</p> | | |
| <p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p> | <p>Yes – ✓ Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii)</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>No questions/comments.</p> | | |
| <p>Action Requested: None.</p> | | |

| Project: Lost Toboggan Landscape Prescribed Burn Project | | |
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| 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 | Table Location: Table 2 | Project Lead: Theodore Peterson 208 476-8257 |
| | | Link to Project Briefing Paper: |

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| implementation is field season of 2023. | | |
| Project Summary: <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 |
| Commission Discussion: <p>No update at this time; will bring project back for Spring 2024 meeting.</p> <p><i>Jim Caswell: Still accurate status? A: Yes, will follow up at the next meeting.</i></p> | | |
| Action Requested: None. | | |

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| 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. | 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: |
| Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Yes – Road Construction. Approximately 1 mile of temporary road construction proposed in Gospel Hump IRA. Temporary roads would be decommissioned following use. See Table 1, Map 7 and Map 8. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. Activities proposed in the Gospel Hump Idaho Roadless Area include: commercial timber harvest (374 acres), non-commercial timber cutting (201 acres), and hand thinning (101 acres). Commercial timber will be removed using helicopter or tractor logging systems. Non- commercial material would be removed mechanically or by hand. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No. ▪ Modification or Correction: No. | | |

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| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes – ✓ Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(i)(iv)(v), 294.28(d)(iv)(v), 294.23 (b)(2), 294.23(c)(1)(i) | No |
| <p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>Brad Gilbert: What is the forest priority here? A: Strike team is the number one priority. There is a lot of urgency on Sheryl's part and this will go across the finish line in the next calendar year.</p> <p>Jace: Scoping period and comment period will be combined? A: Yes, combining EA and Scoping period and no objections period.</p> <p>Kurt: Has this been approved? A: Was approved.</p> <p>Mike Hanna: What else does that bring to the table other than eliminating the objection period? A: Funding to be around, because of wildfire crisis strategy...emergency authorization...does not have a determination of funding source.</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Regeneration efforts proposed..within or outside CPZ? Any distinctions contemplated relative to retention of larger trees inside v outside roadless? A: All within CPZ, 24 acres outside of burning. Will follow up on second part of the question.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p> | | |
| Action Requested: None. | | |

Motion to bring back all of projects back by Brad Gilbert, Seconded by Jonathan Oppenheimer, All in favor. Moved.

Caribou—Targhee National Forest

| Project: Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration | | |
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| 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: | Project Lead: Dylan Johnson 208-281-7075 |

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| | | 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 IRA's. ▪ 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. <p>Timeline: January 2024 is the target date for issuance of the decision documents.</p> | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes: – ✓ Exception: 294.24(a), 294.24(b), 294.24(c)(1) (iv & v), 294.24 (d), 294.28(d). | No |
| <p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Objections related to roadless? A: Some of them, worked through the objection points and upheld the analysis on that. Major points were about it being adaptive management.</p> <p>Brad Gilbert: Any forest wide burning project have been approved? A: In Salmon Challis.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p> | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |

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| Project: Diamond Creek Forest Management | | |
| 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: Table 2 | Project Lead: Dylan Johnson 208-281-7075 |
| | | Link to Project Briefing Paper: |
| Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Both the proposed action and action alternative propose reopening and/or construction temporary roads with three different IRA's. 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 IRA's. 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. <p>Timeline: Environmental Assessment and Draft DN/ FONSI released to the public on August 4, 2023. Decision expected to be signed in October 2023.</p> | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes - ✓ Exception: 294.23(c), 294.24(1)(c)(iv, v), 294.24(d). | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: Excitement that this was signed!! No further questions/comments. | | |
| Action Requested: | | |

Motion to bring Caribou Prescribed Fire Restoration once more by Mike Hanna, Second by Michael Gibson, All in favor. Moved.

Boise National Forest

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| Project: Southwest Idaho Resilient Landscape Project (SWIRL) | |
| District: Boise National Forest / Emmett, Cascade, Lowman, | Roadless Area: Multiple |

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| Idaho City, and Mountain Home Ranger Districts | | |
| Status: Project is being analyzed. Public comment period expected July 2023. | Table Location: | Project Lead: Ryan Jones ryan.c.jones@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 update at this time; will bring project back for Spring 2024 meeting. Jim Caswell: Will see this in the spring? Catherine: Yes. | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |
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Payette National Forest

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| Project: Stibnite Gold Project | | |
| District: Payette (Lead Forest) and Boise National Forests | Roadless Area: Black Creek, Burnt Log, Meadow Creek IRA's | |
| Status: Preparing final EIS. | Table Location: | Project Lead: Kevin Knesek 208 819-5786 |
| | | Link to Project Briefing Paper: |
| Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Yes. The Burntlog Route (38 miles) for SGP access during last year of construction, mining and ore processing operations, and closure and | | |

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| reclamation. Includes improvements of existing segments (23 miles) and road construction for new segments (15 miles). | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes. Non-commercial tree removal related to 63 miles of upgraded transmission lines, along Burnt Log improvement/new construction areas, and the mine operations area. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No, as this project falls under the General Mining Law of 1872. ▪ Modification or Correction: No, as the Idaho Roadless Rule has exceptions/conditioned permissions for minerals activities/road construction. | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes - ✓ Exception: 294.24 (c), 294.25(b). | No _____ |
| <p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>Jim Caswell: Anything changed in terms of current proposal? A: Nothing significant, small acreage changes.</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Commission never took an official vote..and that is not the commission's role. Questions around the road, log route and these date back about four years. Briefing paper discussed burnt log route during the last year of construction. What does that mean? They have access to the road during the last year of construction but not after? A: Burnt log is the primary route, and will be used for the life of the project. Johnson creek route will be the only way to get in until burnt log is completed.</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Insight on whether that route will be open to administrative once constructed? A: New sections completed and then the public will have access to what they currently do have.</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Permanent nail walls, also decommissioned? A: Will get an answer back to the commission.</p> <p>Jim Caswell: SGP acronym meaning? A: Stibnite Gold Project.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p> | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |

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| 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 | Table Location: | Project Lead: Joshua Simpson 208 634-0616 |
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| 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 late 2023 or early 2024. | | |
| 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 ▪ <p>Have not gone out for comment...maybe this winter. Capacity issue with this EA.</p> | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes - ✓ Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(vii) | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: <p><i>Jon Oppenheimer: 4.5 miles of new motorized trail for all vehicle..within or outside of roadless? A: Not sure, Catherine will get the answer back to commission.</i></p> <p><i>Jon Oppenheimer: Map is illegible. Impossible to see the proposed routes.</i></p> <p><i>No further questions/comments.</i></p> | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |

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| Project: Railroad Saddle Forest Restoration Project | | |
| District: Payette National Forest, New Meadows District | Roadless Area: Rapid River | |
| Status: The project is awaiting the biological opinion from USFWS, before signature of the decision notice. | 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 | | |

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| <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No <p>Timeline: The estimated final decision is Fall 2023 – Awaiting BO from USFWS. Expected in October.</p> | | |
| <p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p> | <p>Yes - ✓</p> <p>Exception: 294.24 (a)(1)(2)</p> | <p>No _____</p> |
| <p>Commission Discussion:</p> <p>No questions/comments.</p> | | |
| <p>Action Requested: None</p> | | |

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| <p>Project: Payette National Forest Resilience and Fuels Reduction Prescribed Fire Project</p> | | |
| <p>District: Payette National Forest / Council, Weiser, New Meadows, McCall, and Krassel Ranger Districts.</p> | <p>Roadless Area: Multiple.</p> | |
| <p>Status: The project is being analyzed. Scoping period occurred in November 2022. Public comment period on the EA expected September 2023.</p> | <p>Table Location:</p> | <p>Project Lead: Linda Jackson</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: 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 | | |
| <p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p> | <p>Yes - ✓</p> <p>Exception: 294.24</p> | <p>No _____</p> |

Commission Discussion:

Jon Oppenheimer: Hand thinning..non-commercial and to facilitate the prescribed fire? **A:** Yes.

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Motion to bring East Fork/South Fork Ramp, Stibnite Gold, and Forest Wide By Jonathan Oppenheimer, Seconded by Mike Hanna, All in favor. Moved.

Lunch Break from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

Salmon—Challis National Forest

| Project: Forest Plan Revision | | |
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| 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 Milligan 208-756-5560 |
| | | Link to Project Briefing Paper: |
| Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction:▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal:▪ Discretionary Minerals:▪ Modification or Correction: None proposed. <p>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.</p> | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes - Exceptions: TBD | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: Michael Gibson: How much of the work will be carried on? Next year will be a review of what’s been done? A: Yes, hope to utilize the most we can after starting in 2018. Mountain planning service group will help with those concurrent processes. A: National perspective, tweaked to fit in that scale. | | |

Brad Gilbert: How do you assure your agreement with the commissioners after you retire? **A:** Nothing engraved in stone or documented as an agreement at this point. Handshake agreement with the commissioners. Discretions with MPG, differences with the forest and similarly with needs for change that we are looking at. Looking at gaining efficiency with analysis.

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

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:

Project Summary:

- **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

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| tree species like Aspen or White bark pine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: No | | |
| Project Update: Decision pending ESA concurrence. | | |
| 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 (c) (vii), 294.24 (d), 294.28 (d), 294.29 (f) | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: <p>Jim Caswell: ESA consultation complete? A: Yes. We were waiting for that. Verbal agreement to move forward with the project.</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Relative to temporary road construction within general forest, contract stipulations about need for decommissioning after the project. A: Acknowledged.</p> <p>Jim Caswell: Anticipating first part of the year? A: Yes, 45-day objection period and go from there to implement this coming summer.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p> | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |

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| Project: Bayhorse Project V2 | | |
| District: Salmon-Challis N.F., Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District | Roadless Area: Paasasikwana Naokwaide | |
| Status: Ready for decision. | Table Location: | Project Lead: 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), | | |

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| roads, and streams where possible, but in cases control line could be constructed in IRA and require the felling of trees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No ▪ Modification or Correction: None. | | |
| 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: Brad Gilbert: Good work. No further questions/comments. | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |

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| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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: | | |

No questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Project: Big A Vegetation Project

District: Salmon-Challis N.F.
Challis-Yankee Fork R.D.

Roadless Area: Paasasikwana Naokwaide and Spring Basin

Status: Decision.

Table Location:

Project Lead:

Erin Pierson
208 879-4155

Link to Project Briefing Paper:

Project Summary:

- **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

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| <p>▪ Modification or Correction: None.</p> | | |
| <p>Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception?</p> | <p>Yes - ✓</p> <p>Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(ii), 294.24(c)(1)(iv), 294.24(c)(1)(viii),</p> | <p>No _____</p> |
| <p>Commission Discussion: Jim Caswell: Think you will make it by the end of year? A: Maybe even the end of the day!</p> <p>Jon Oppenheimer: Briefing paper cites the portion of the rule, allowing timber cutting in an area that has been logged or roaded prior to 2008..insight on what those areas were and on the task management? A: In major drainage, there was some significant commercial harvest and road construction prior to 2008 and designated as back country restoration. Impacted by past actions.</p> <p>Q: When exactly? A: 260 acres, not sure..maybe late 1980's early 1990's.</p> <p>No further questions/comments.</p> | | |
| <p>Action Requested: None</p> | | |

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| <p>Project: Copper Mountain Road Reroute</p> | | |
| <p>District: Salmon-Challis N.F, Middle Fork Ranger District</p> | <p>Roadless Area: Hanson Lakes IRA</p> | |
| <p>Status: Preparing to scope.</p> | <p>Table Location:</p> | <p>Project Lead: Heath Perrine 208-879-4125</p> <p>Christine Stewart 208-756-7120</p> <p>Link to Project Briefing Paper:</p> |
| <p>Project Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: Yes. The current FS Road # 656 will have a section of road rerouted to an area that is primarily outside of riparian areas. The road currently fords through Capehorn Creek and Banner Creek that both contain ESA listed Chinook Salmon, steelhead and Bull Trout presence and critical habitat. Both ford crossings are primary locations for salmon spawning. The project will involve decommissioning approximately 0.25 miles of road in the Hanson Lake IRA and building approximately 0.3 miles of new road in the Hanson Lake IRA. ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: No. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No. ▪ Modification or Correction: No. | | |

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| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes - ✓ Exception: 294.23(b)(1)(iv) | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: <i>No further questions/comments.</i> | | |
| Action Requested: None | | |

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| Project: Everson Creek Trail Reroute | | |
| District: Salmon-Challis N.F., Leadore RD | Roadless Area: Lemhi | |
| Status: Preparing to scope. | Table Location: | Project Lead: Lizzie Jossie 208-993-9936 |
| | | Link to Project Briefing Paper: |
| Project Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Construction/Reconstruction: No ▪ Timber Cutting, Sale, or Removal: Yes, trees will need to be cut along the ¼ mile re-route, and encroaching conifers will be cut in the 4-acre meadow. Trees will be cut with chainsaws and will be either used in the meadow restoration or to block the old trail. ▪ Discretionary Minerals: No. ▪ Modification or Correction: No. | | |
| Does Proposed Activity require use of an Exception? | Yes - ✓ Exception: 294.24(c)(1)(iii), 284.24(c)(1)(vii) | No _____ |
| Commission Discussion: <p>Jim Caswell: A trail or road? A: Motorized trail.</p> <p>Q: Is it open to all vehicles? A: Includes full size vehicles, yes.</p> <p>Jim Caswell: Suggest you reference the rule references relative to roads, the ability to put roads on the landscape. Previous project is 294,24 (b) and talks about roads and moving them for resource benefit. Not in this but one of the reasons you're doing it. A: Acknowledged, might not be in there because we call it a trail.</p> <p>Jim Caswell: In a cherry stem situation? Outside of roadless right? A: Yes. Reroute is inside but the existing is outside.</p> <p>Mike Hanna: What was the width? A: Width varies.</p> <p>Q: How do they know they're in a roadless area then? A: The map and GIS data.</p> | | |

Jim Caswell: One single roadless area? **A:** All the same, Lemhi.

Q: Road go through or dead end? **A:** Ends at Everson Lake, so it's a dead-end.

Dan McKeague: Concern that the rule references are listed, and is that precedent set around it? Jeep trail vs road precedent. Expectation for future jeep trails despite being listed as a trail. **A:** No decision made, never put forth the recommendation. **A:** Difference is, a trail and doing work on it in roadless. When you decide to widen or do drainage work and then call it open to all vehicles but still call it a trail..that is where something like this is cherry stemmed. Is outside of roadless.

Why cherry stemmed out if its out of roadless?

Need to make that distinction when referencing the rule and the fact that it was excluded and treated the same way.

Comes down to protecting roadless characteristics.

Mike Hanna: Some parameters are set. A semantics thing.

Dan McKeague: Either it's a distinction based on the type of vehicle accessing it...or excluded from roadless because it had road like characteristics.

Bill Higgins: How is this different from the previous project other than this being cherry stemmed out? Purpose and need are the same. **A:** Mostly speaking towards the rule and its application. It is effectively the same on the ground. Numbers are also consistent.

Jon: Did we do a letter to the governor on this topic?

No further questions/comments.

Action Requested: None

Motion to bring back Forest Plan Revision, Everson Creek Trail Reroute by Michael Gibson, Second by Jonathan Oppenheimer, All in favor. Moved.

Discussion

- **Dan McKeague:** Jim or Catherine..with this rule reference..are we doing documentation there?
A: Anything that has regional forester approval is all the same process.
- **Jim Caswell:** Valuable part of that is being able to say under the rule, typically cant build a road there. Unless the regional forester is given that permission. Have to ask permission if you don't it violates the rule.
- **Jon Oppenheimer:** Timber cutting outside a CPZ is another example.

Catherine Blackwell – Megan Clever GIS map Demo

- Showed a quick demo with the Winnemucca Project.
- **Kurt:** Going to show purposed action spatially or just project area scale? A; Project area scale at the moment but open to that discussion.
- **Brad Gilbert:** Legends can be hard to read..can we access this tool to read the legends? A: That is what is intended..
- **Michael Gibson:** Looks great...web based and can log in through a link? A: That is the intention, need to communicate with others and will keep everyone updated on the progress.
- **Catherine:** Wants this to be interactive and easy to navigate!

Feedback

- Have a web app for the pilot project..hasnt been expanded state wide yet.
- **Q:** Plans to expand that? **A:** Get it wrapped up with the wilderness first and then come back to the McCall district area and looking at those communities in finer detail to be aware of risks. Engage what we learned from it and if it is worth replicating throughout the state? What are those priorities?

Wrap up

- Spring meeting project load...significant discussion on the wilderness piece.
 - In CDA, second half of May 2024.
- **Catherine Blackwell:** Date to meet with subcommittee for Challis and Sawtooth?
- Field Trip for Spring Meeting....
 - New forest supervisor over there..plan in the works.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Gibson, Second by Jonathan Oppenheimer, All in favor. Moved.

Adjourn @ 2:00 pm.