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Lolo NF

To: Appeal Deciding Officer

This is my recommendation on disposition of the appeal filed by Deborah Kmon protesting the Boyer Fire Salvage Timber Sale and Rehabilitation Decision Notice (DN) signed by the Lolo National Forest Supervisor.

The Forest Supervisor's decision adopts a modified Alternative 6 which includes 3.1 million board feet of timber salvage and associated artificial regeneration, noxious weed spraying, construction of a temporary road, and reconstruction and decommissioning of various existing roads.

My review was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.19 to ensure the analysis and decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. The appeal record, including the Appellants' objections and recommended changes, has been thoroughly reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

I find the Boyer Fire Salvage Timber Sale and Rehabilitation DN has not adequately addressed cumulative effects to westslope cutthroat trout and did not make a formal determination of the impacts the project would have on westslope cutthroat trout viability.

I recommend the Forest Supervisor's decision be remanded and the Appellants' requested relief for reversal be granted.

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