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# News Release

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## ***Canyon Creek Complex Fire Salvage Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment released for public comment***

**JOHN DAY, PRAIRIE CITY, and HINES, ORE.** – The 30-day comment period for the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Canyon Creek Complex Fire Salvage Project on the Blue Mountain Ranger District will begin on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 with publication of a legal notice in the Blue Mountain Eagle.

The public will have 30 days to submit their comments, with the comment period ending on Friday, May 27, 2016. Only those submitting specific written comments during the designated opportunity to comment will have standing to object to the project.

The project proposes approximately 1,210 acres of salvage logging; the project also includes a research component looking at the levels of salvage harvest associated with specified nesting densities of black-backed, white-headed, and Lewis's woodpeckers. Some snag retention is required in all treatment units. The proposal also includes reforestation (i.e., tree planting), temporary road construction (4 miles), and road maintenance (37 miles).

The document can be accessed on the Forest Service website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48518>, or you can request a CD or hardcopy by contacting Sasha Fertig at 541-575-3061 or [sashafertig@fs.fed.us](mailto:sashafertig@fs.fed.us).

As stated above, the 30-day comment period will begin when the legal notice is published in the Blue Mountain Eagle. The publication date is anticipated to be Wednesday April 27, 2016. The exact publication date can be obtained by checking the Blue Mountain Eagle or the Forest's website (see above) for the exact date that the legal notice is published.

The publication date in the Blue Mountain Eagle is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written comments must be submitted to:  
Dave Halemeier  
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Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc), or portable document format (.pdf) to: [comments-pacificnorthwest-malheur-bluemountain@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-malheur-bluemountain@fs.fed.us).

E-mails submitted to e-mail addresses other than the one listed, in other formats than those listed, or containing viruses will be rejected. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period and ensure that their comments have been received.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact NEPA Planner Sasha Fertig, at 541-575-3061 or by e-mail: [sashafertig@fs.fed.us](mailto:sashafertig@fs.fed.us).

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