

Little Red Goose Forest Resilience Project

“We recognized a need to focus our efforts and do what we can to give the area a chance to bounce back from the high stressors related to insects and disease.” Erin Phelps, New Meadows District Ranger.

THE NEED FOR ACTION!

Central Idaho is being hit hard by insect infestations, fungus-caused root diseases, and parasitic plants that are killing trees. A recent USDA Forest Health and Protection report identified Douglas fir Tussock Moth, Western Spruce Budworm, Balsam Woolly adelgid, mistletoe and root diseases as heavily impacting central Idaho.

On the Payette National Forest, the report highlights the need to “adequately address the Douglas-fir Tussock Moth outbreak” currently impacting the proposed Little Red Goose project area.

LITTLE RED GOOSE FOREST RESILIENCE PROJECT



A Tussock Moth caterpillar.

This project area is 8,800 acres in the Little Salmon River subbasin in Upper Goose Creek, Sixmile Creek, and Lower Goose Creek between McCall and New Meadows.

Proposed treatments would occur on up to 3,000 acres identified within the larger 8,800-acre area with activities including commercial thinning, non-commercial thinning, commercial firewood removal, slash treatments (lop and scatter or pile burning), and broadcast prescribed burning.

In order to quickly address this insect outbreak and the impacts

to our forest, this project would focus vegetation treatments in the areas of high insect activity and tree mortality, as well as

A preliminary assessment of the project has determined it falls within a Categorical Exclusion as authorized by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, specially section 603 regarding insect and disease to reduce the extent of, or increase resilience. This project will be designed to adhere to the specifications of that authority.

PUBLIC SCOPING FOR THIS PROJECT IS OPEN NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2019

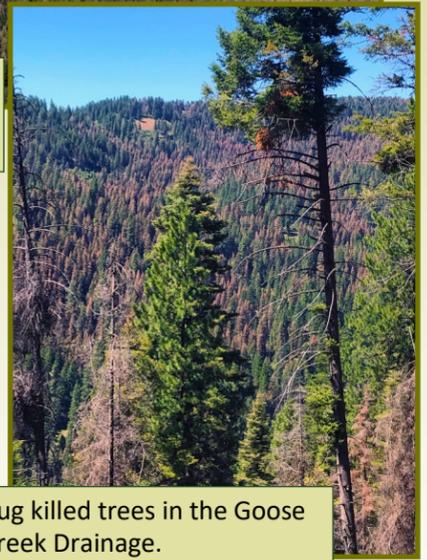
Interested parties should submit issues pertinent to this proposal in writing by October 21, 2019. Comments will help inform the environmental analysis and decision making process. For more information on the project, including more details on the proposal and how to comment, visit the Little Red Goose project webpage at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56833>.

PUBLIC MEETING—OCTOBER 9, 2019

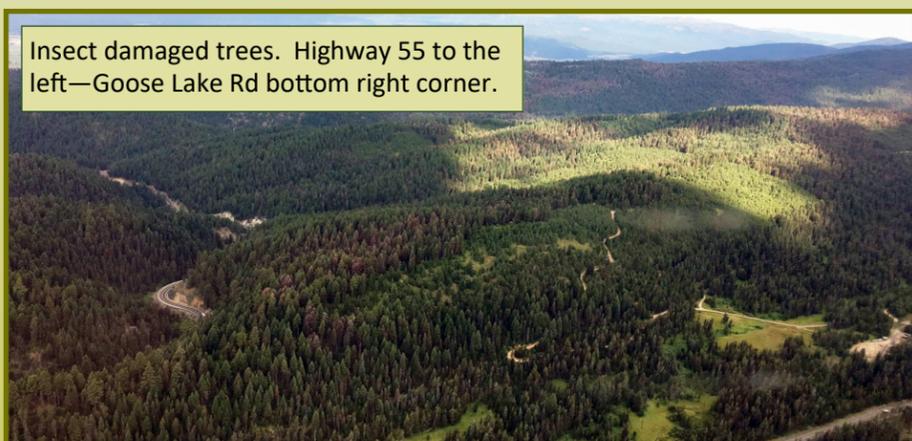
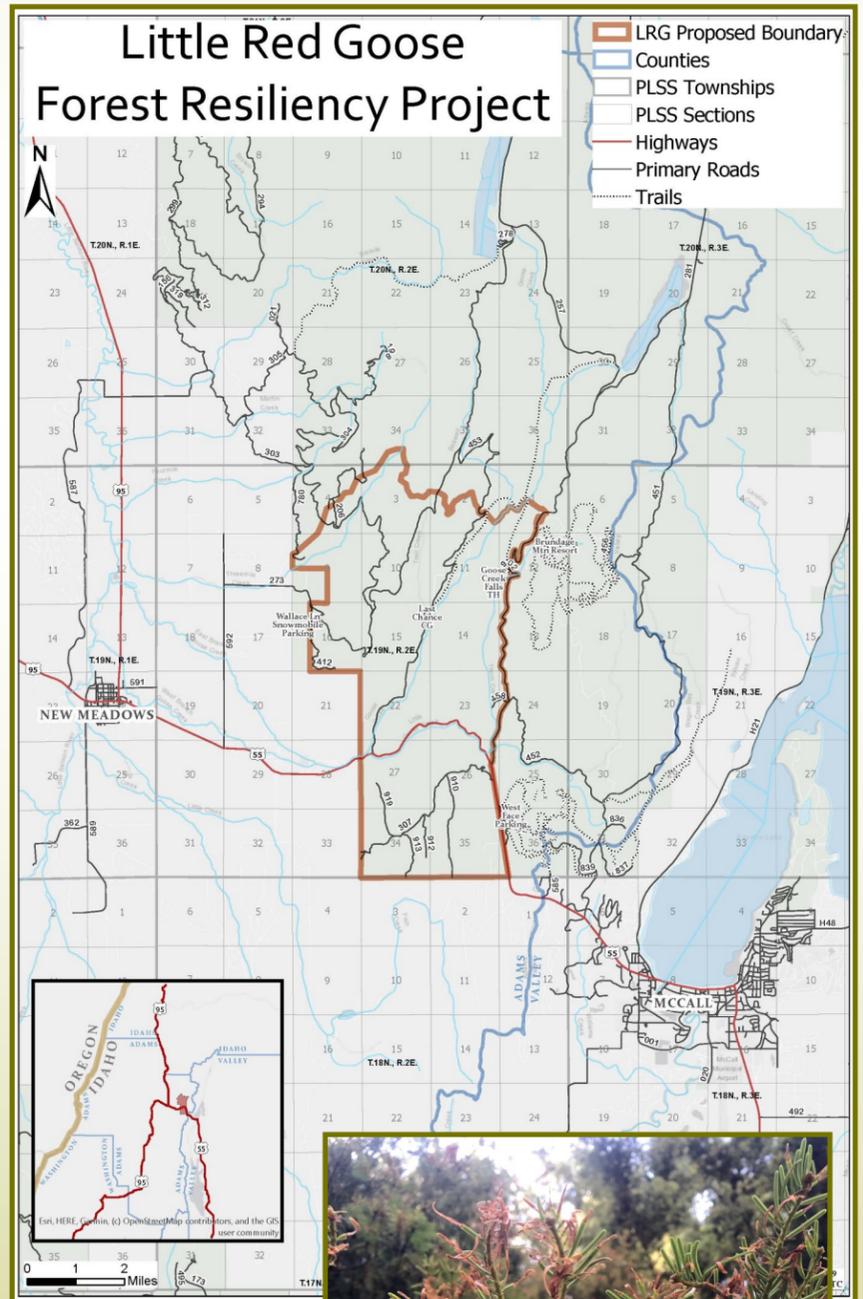
The Forest Service will host a public meeting on the Little Red Goose project October 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 at the Holiday Inn Express in McCall located at 210 North 3rd Street. The meeting will start with a short presentation with a question & answer period, then move to an open house format to provide opportunities for one to one interactions.



Aerial view of damage caused by the Douglas fir Tussock Moth.



Bug killed trees in the Goose Creek Drainage.



Insect damaged trees. Highway 55 to the left—Goose Lake Rd bottom right corner.



Insect damage on a Grand fir in the Goose Creek drainage.