

## **St. Joe GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**Forest-wide Goal 1c: Forest Health** – increase the amount of forest restored to or maintained in a healthy condition with reduced risk and damage from fires, insects and diseases, and invasive species.

- **Insect and Disease**
- **Vegetation Condition and Trend**

### **VEGETATION**

<b>Desired Condition Statement</b>	<p><b><u>Forest health will be maximized through timber harvest, thinning, prescribed fire and vegetation management.</u></b> (Vegetation management includes: weed control, brush field, and establishment of early seral species).</p> <p>Replace grand fir and Douglas fir with early seral species where appropriate.</p> <p>Restoration of brushfields for wildlife and timber using fire and/or mechanical treatments.</p> <p>Thinning practices would be done according to site characteristics (falls into #4 below).</p> <p>Remove offsite ponderosa pine.</p> <p>Manage timber stand density to prevent overcrowding which leads to disease, insects, and fire problems.</p> <p>Forest Service should coordinate with adjacent landowners and agencies to control and or reduce insects and disease.</p> <p>Control/manage noxious weeds, insects and disease etc, prior to entering special designated areas. (ie wilderness and research natural areas).</p>
<b>Identify Priority Areas</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Areas that currently have insect and disease problems</li> <li>2. Suitable timber lands with minimal mgmt. constraints</li> <li>3. Areas with a risk of catastrophic fire if left untreated (includes areas with high fuel loads/ladder fuels)</li> <li>4. Priority areas should be evaluated to determine probability of successful treatment, with focus on those areas with highest probability of success.</li> </ol>
<b>Describe why this is a priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>