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Nez Perce National Forest
104 Airport Road
Grangeville, ID 83530
208-983-1950

Clearwater National Forest
12730 Highway 12
Orofino, ID 83544
208-476-4541

File Code: 1950

Date: February 11, 2014

Dear Planning Participant:

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will be considering the attached project and conducting an environmental analysis in the near future.

The Palouse District Ranger has made a preliminary assessment that this project falls within a category of actions listed in 36 CFR 220.6, thereby excluding it from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

To submit a comment on this proposal, please follow the instructions provided in the "How to Provide Comments" section.

Thank you for your continued participation in projects involving the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

Sincerely,

RICK BRAZELL
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure: Maps of Project Sites





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Introduction

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will be considering the following proposed project and conducting environmental analyses on it in the near future. Please review the proposal and submit your comments as described below so they can be included in our analyses.

How to Provide Comments

We are interested in your comments about this **non-appealable** proposal and invite you to send site-specific written comments to us.

To assure your written comments are fully considered during the analyses of these projects, please submit your comments within **30 days of your receipt of this letter**. Comments submitted after this date will be accepted but our ability to respond effectively could be reduced. **Please note that all comments received will be included in the public record; therefore, names, phone numbers, addresses, and electronic mail addresses of participants cannot be kept confidential (7 CFR 1 (B)1-27(c)).**

Note: Because this project is non-appealable, no public notice will be published in the newspaper of record.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding these projects, please contact Linda S. Helm, Small NEPA Coordinator, Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Kamiah, Idaho or call (208) 935-4285. Oral comments must be provided to her during normal business hours *via* telephone or in person. Written comments should either be mailed or hand-delivered (between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST), Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) to her c/o Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Supervisor's office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho 83530; submitted *via* facsimile transmittal to her at (208) 935-4275, where they will be forwarded to the Kamiah office *via* electronic mail. Electronic mail comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-northern-nezperceclearwater@fs.fed.us.

If you choose to comment on the proposal, please include the following: (1) your name, address, and (if possible) your telephone number, and organization represented (if any); (2) title of the project; (3) specific facts and relevant rationale concerning this project that you feel should be considered.



Project Proposal

Palouse Ranger District

Potlatch Tailhold Special Use Permit Application

Legal Coordinates:

- Isabella Ridge: T41N, R3E, Section 20;
- Elm HBU: T40N, R4E, Section 29;
- Gold Top Diamond: T40N, R3E, Section 20;
- McGary Prime: T40N, R1E, Section 30; and, T40N, R1W, Section 25;
- Clover Haven: T39N, R2E, Sections 20 and 29; and,
- Hidden Sherwin: T42N, R1E, Section 29 (Boise Meridian).

Proposed Category: 36CFR 220.6(d)(8): *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor, short-term (1 year or less) special uses on National Forest System lands*

Narrative Summary: The Palouse District Ranger proposes to allow the applicant's request for a special use permit for tailholds located at the above sites.

Background: Potlatch Land and Lumber, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Potlatch") has planned timber sales adjacent to Forest Service system lands. Cable logging operations are planned for a portion of these sales which may require tailholds on Forest Service system lands.

Design Specifications/Equipment to be Used: These tailholds will utilize standing trees on the Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests only when absolutely necessary to get adequate deflection to suspend logs as they are skidded to the landing. Trees used as tailhold trees will be protected by plates or straps to adequately prevent scarring to the bole of the tree during use.

The permit will be valid for one year from the date of issuance, with use primarily occurring in the summer of 2014.

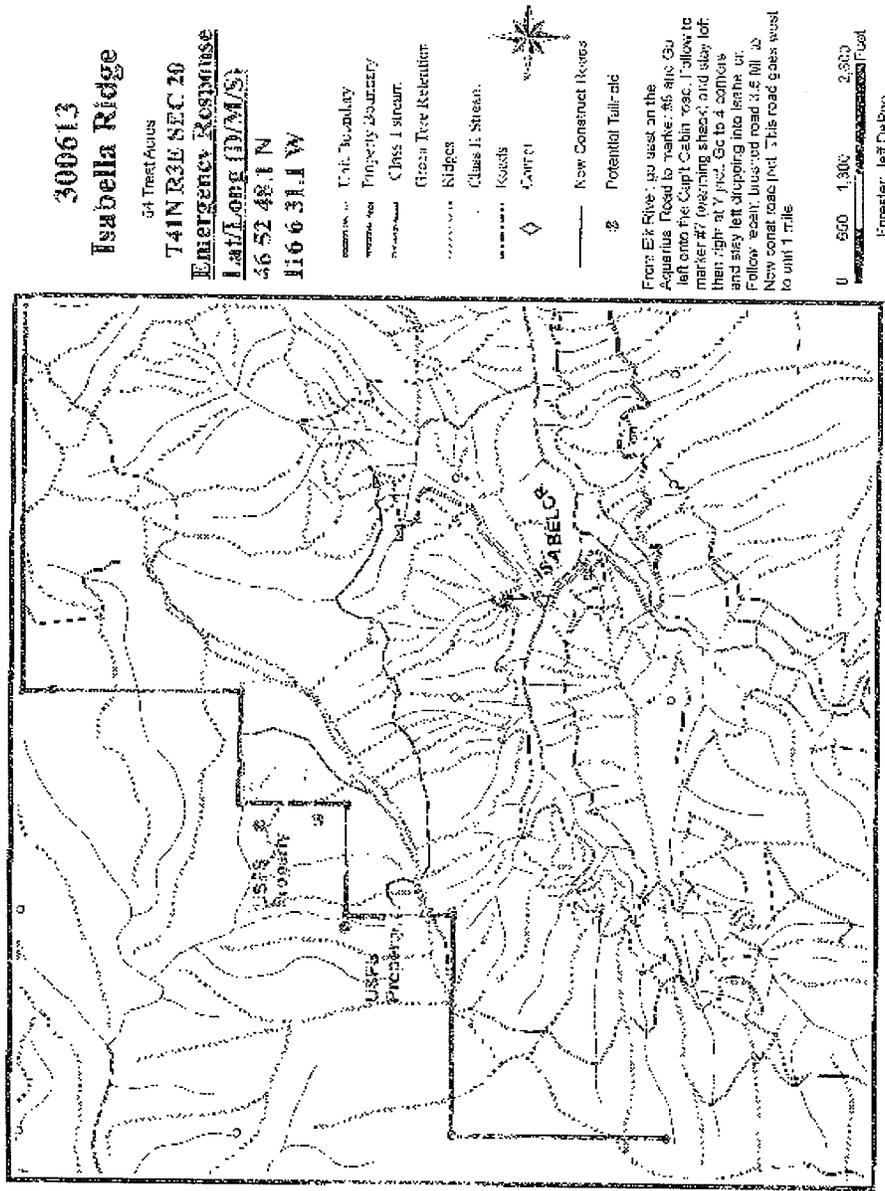
Tailhold tree locations used on National Forest Lands will be approved in advance by the Palouse District Ranger. The Palouse Ranger District contact person will be notified by Potlatch at the beginning of operations related to this authorization as well as at the completion of operations.

Logging operations will be suspended during any period in which adverse weather may cause excessive damage to soils, water quality or roads. **There will be no harvest of trees on National Forest System Lands.**

Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Molly Puchlerz at (208) 942-0303.

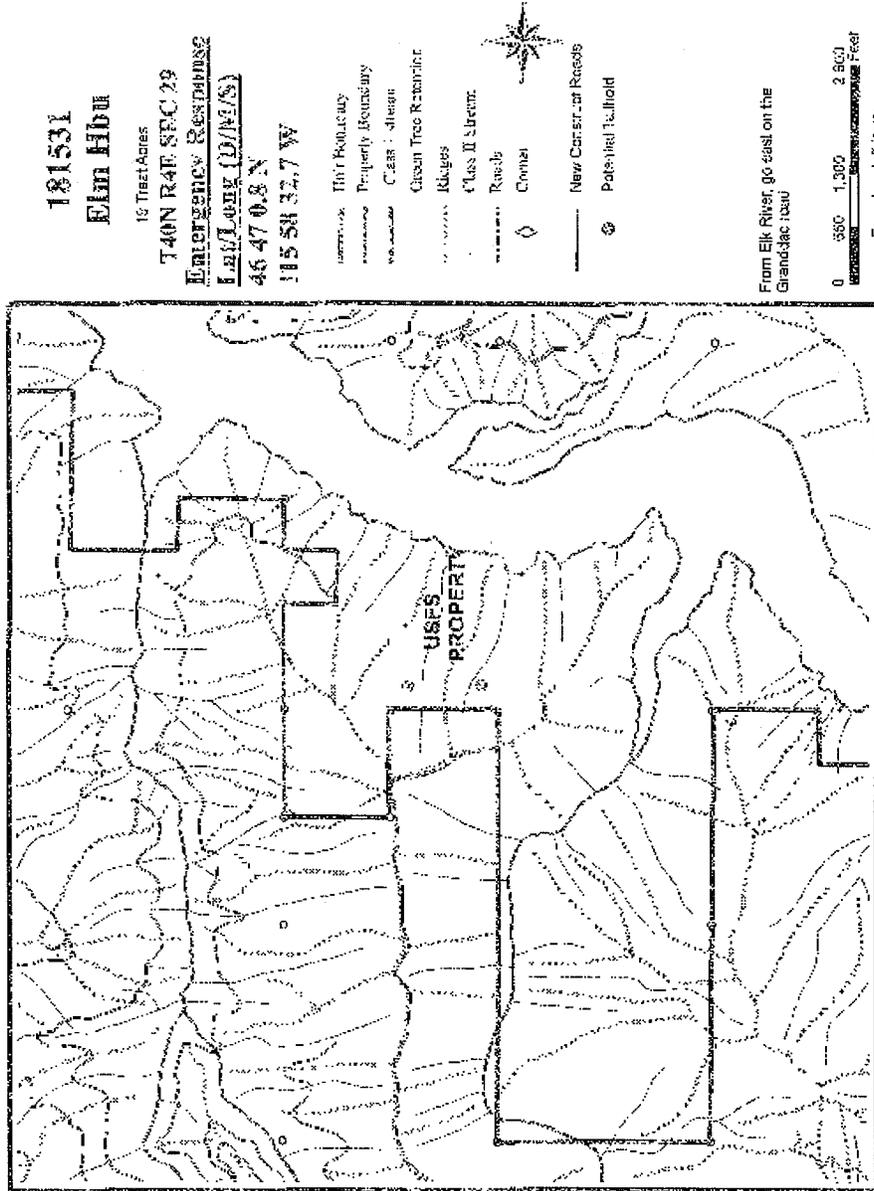
Maps of Proposed Tailhold Sites

Isabella Ridge – 300613



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Elm HBU – 181531



Gold Top Diamond – 181412

181412
Gold Top Diamond
207 Total Acres
T40N R3E SRC 20
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Lat/Long (D/M/S)
46 47 36.5 N
116 5 58.2 W

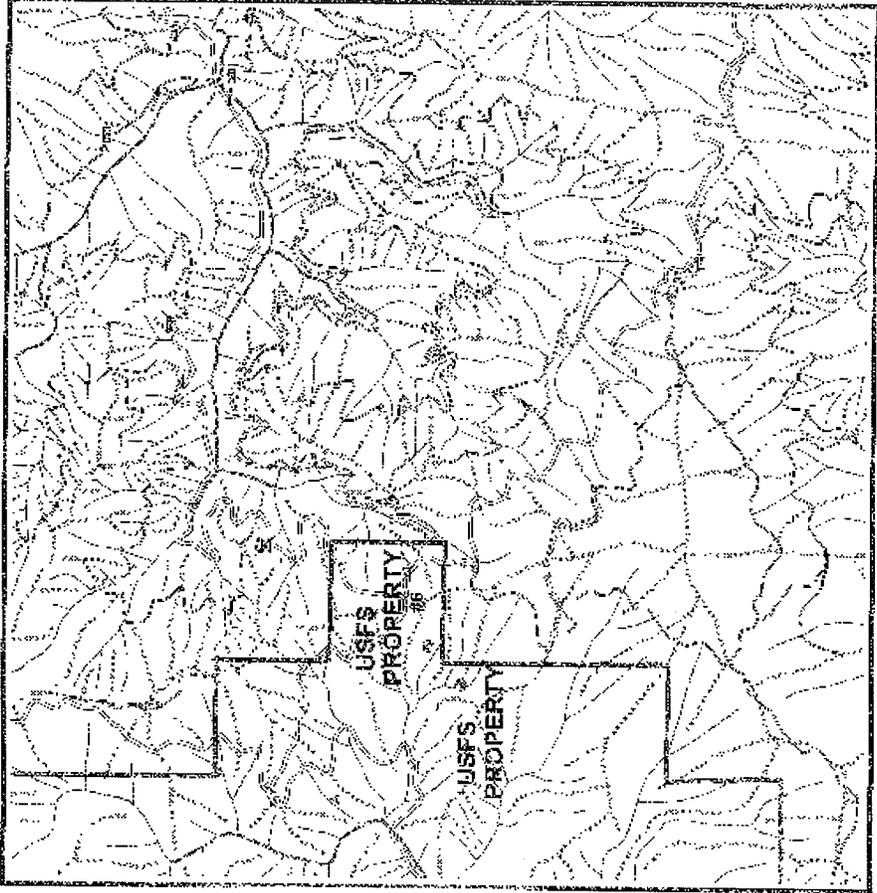
- Trail Boundary
- Property Boundary
- Class I stream
- Green Tree Retention
- Riparian
- Class II Stream
- Road
- 1/4 Section
- Potential Threshold



From Elk River go east on the
Granddod Road to tick #5 and
stay right. Follow to tick #8 and
go right once. Only take road and
go off immediately to the...



Forester: Jeff DePoe



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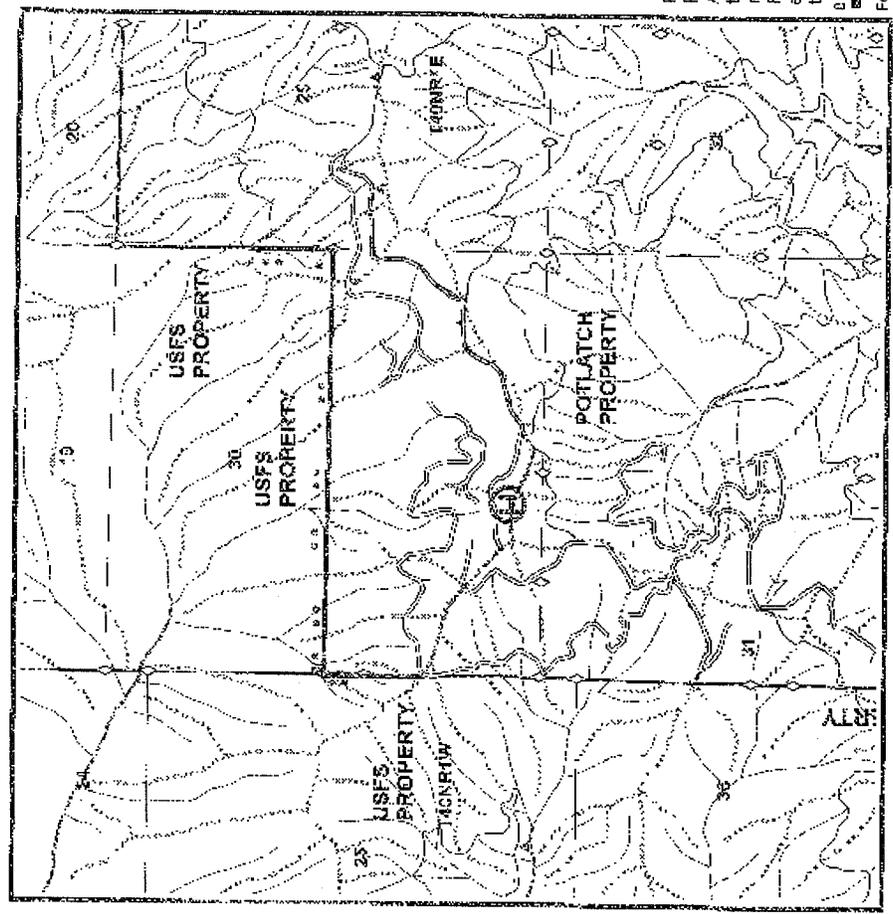
McGary Prime – 024508

024508
McGary Prime
 195 Gross Acres
 155 Net Harvest Acres
 T40N R1E, SEC. 30
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
 LAT/LONG (E/W/N/S) **P**
 46 45 32.07 N
 116 22 52.31 W

- Unit Boundary
- Property Boundary
- North Boundary
- Green Tree Station
- Ridges
- Class I Stream
- Class II Stream
- Wet Draws
- Ranch
- Corner
- Potential Threshold



From Heiner, take the Park Road past the Park Ranch. At the "Y" stay left (~25 marker to Marker-17. Take the gated road to the left after the 17. Follow main road to the end of the rock. Both roads at the Junction go into the unit.
 0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles
 Forester Holly Vander Houan



Clover Haven – 160212

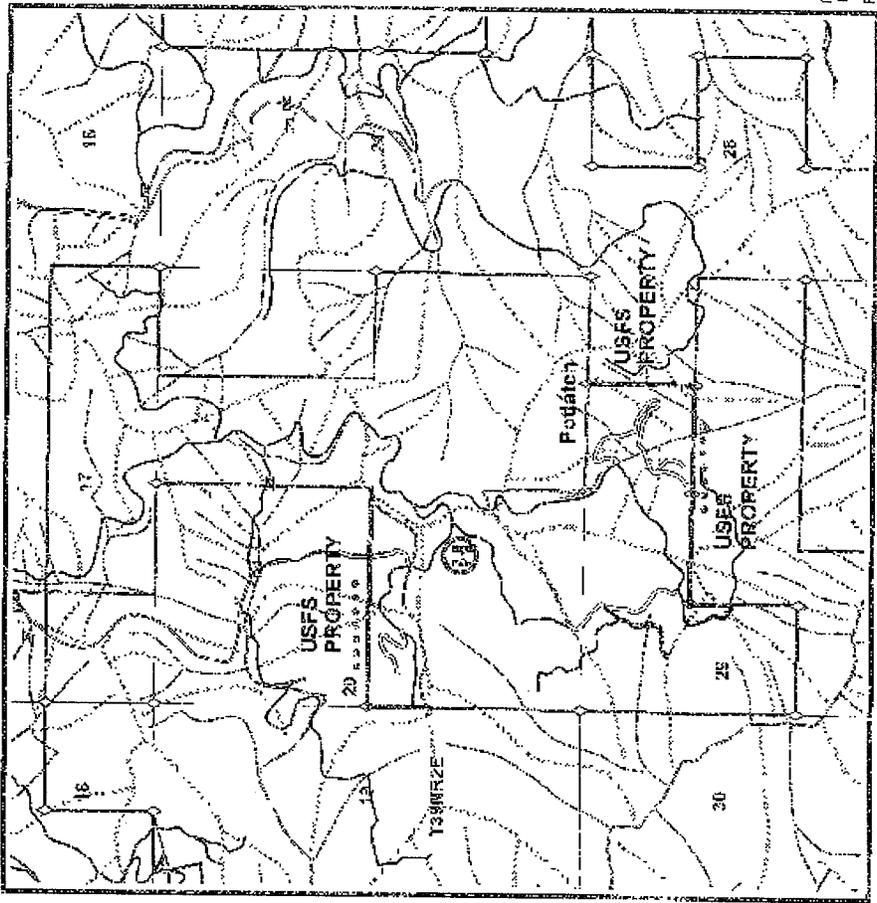
160212
Clover Haven
 Gross Acres
 76 Net Harvest Acres
 T39N R2E SEC 20, 25
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
LA/LOG (D/S)
 46-42 23.85 N
 116 14 15.34 W

- Unit Boundary
- Property Boundary
- Road Right of Way
- Green Tree Retention
- Ridges
- Class I Stream
- Class II Stream
- Water Drains
- Roads
- Culvert
- Partial Label



From Bovill, take the Elk River Hwy to the Park Rd. ~ 14 mi. Turn right on the Park Rd. past Marker # 3. Turn Left on Cloverleaf Road. Take the 2nd gravel road on the right. Take 1st gated road on left. Follow main road to unit.

0 0.125 0.25
 Miles
 Forester Holly Vander Heiden



Hidden Sherwin – 130102

130102
Hidden Sherwin

2014 Harvest: 50 net ac.

T42N, R1E, SEC 29

Emergency Response

Lamb Creek (D/M/S)

46° 57' 44" N

116° 21' 19" W

H Helipoint



Harvest Boundary

Property Line

Green Tree Adoration

Regime

Class I Stream

Class II Stream - Potential

Class III Stream - Confined

Tertiary Road

Secondary Road

Loop Spur Road

Potential fallow tree locations on USFS property.

Access from the junction of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 8 at Boyll, then 7.7 miles north on Hwy. 3, then left at Lamb Creek, then 0.6 mi. to the unit.

Scale: 8" = 1 Mile

0 0.06 0.1 0.2 Miles

Politch Forester: Shayne Watkins

