

Crossons-Longview Forest Restoration Project



South Platte Ranger District
Pike National Forest

Agenda

- ◆ Welcome - Agenda
- ◆ Presentation
- ◆ Questions & Answers
- ◆ Small Groups & Individual

Presentation

- ◆ Forest Restoration Proposal
- ◆ How to comment
- ◆ Process & schedule

Forest History

- ◆ Past management practices - logging, grazing, others
- ◆ Large stand replacing fires during the late 19th and early 20th centuries
- ◆ Aggressive fire suppression efforts

Need for Project

- ◆ Overly dense forest of uniform age and species
- ◆ Insect and disease outbreaks
- ◆ Forest is more even-aged, mature trees
- ◆ Increased burn severity, harder to control

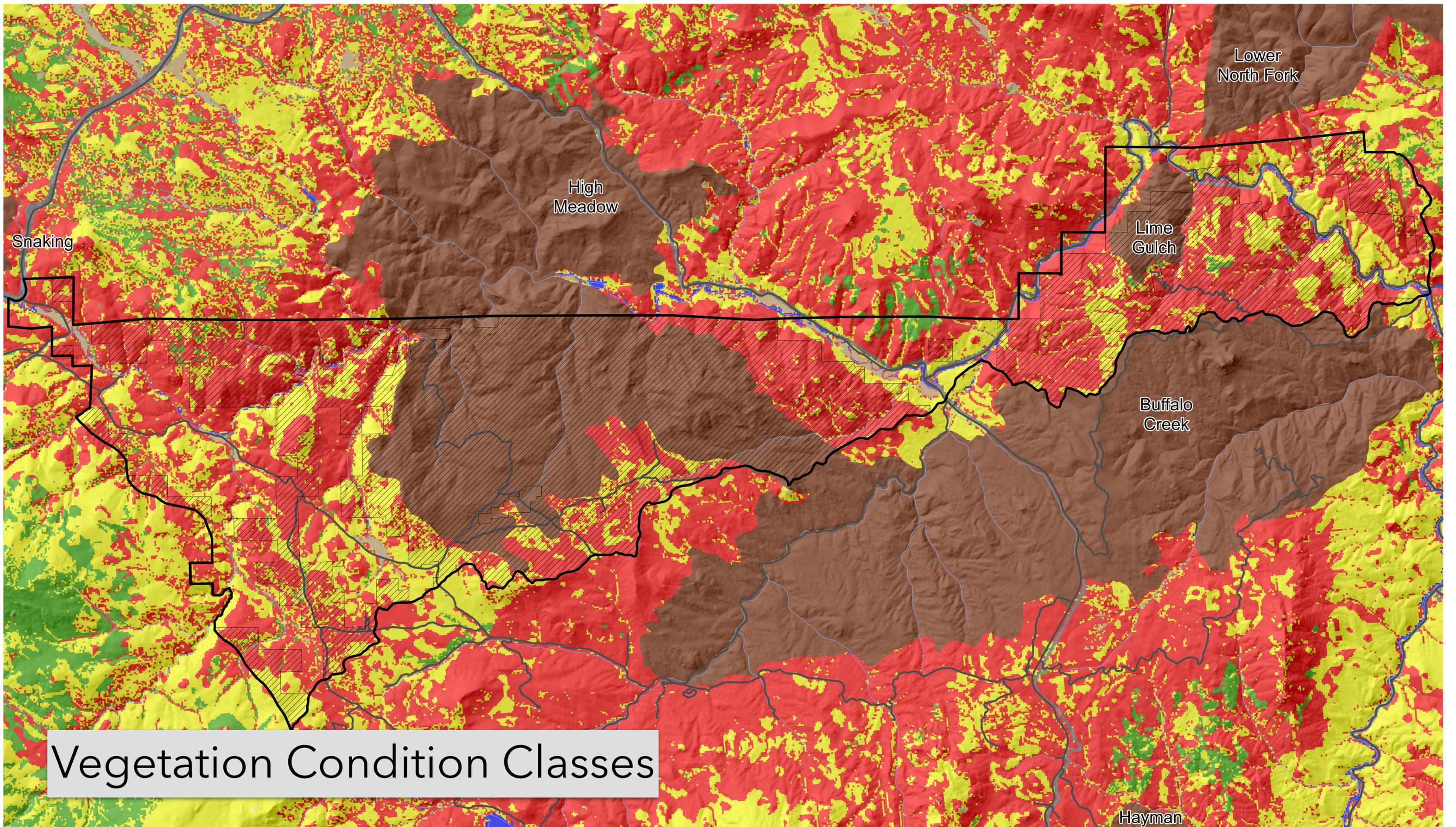
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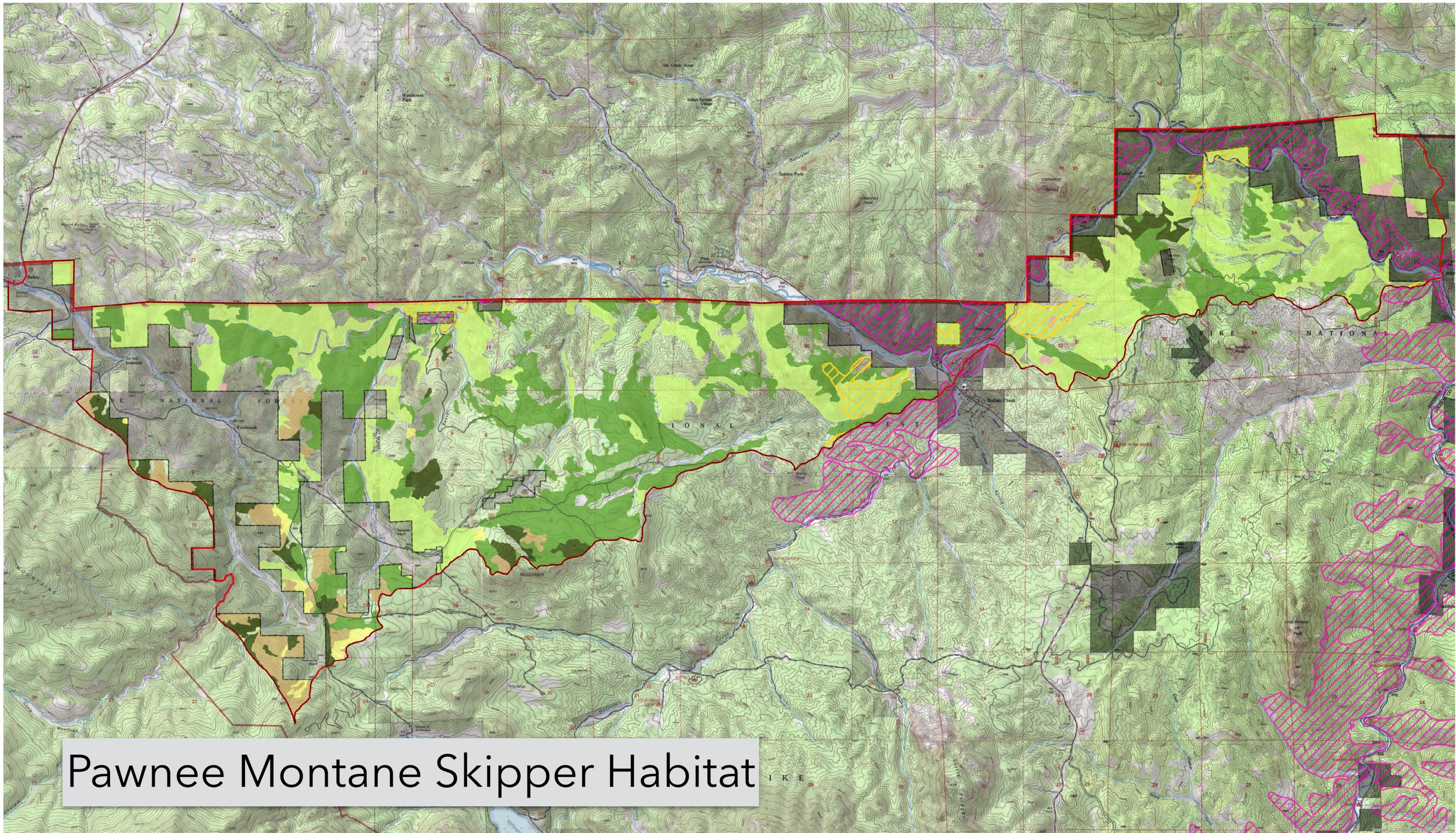
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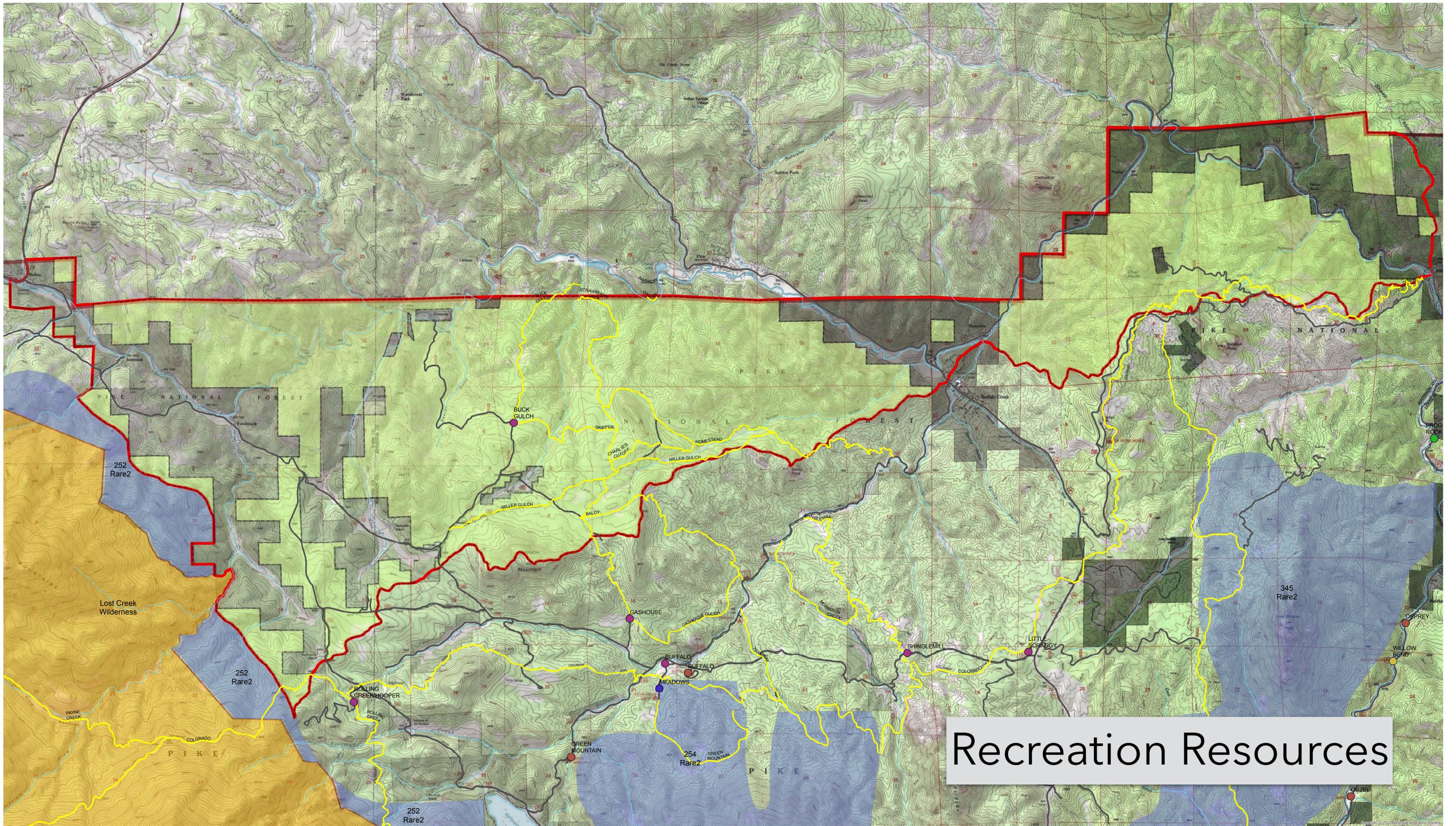
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Vegetation Condition Classes



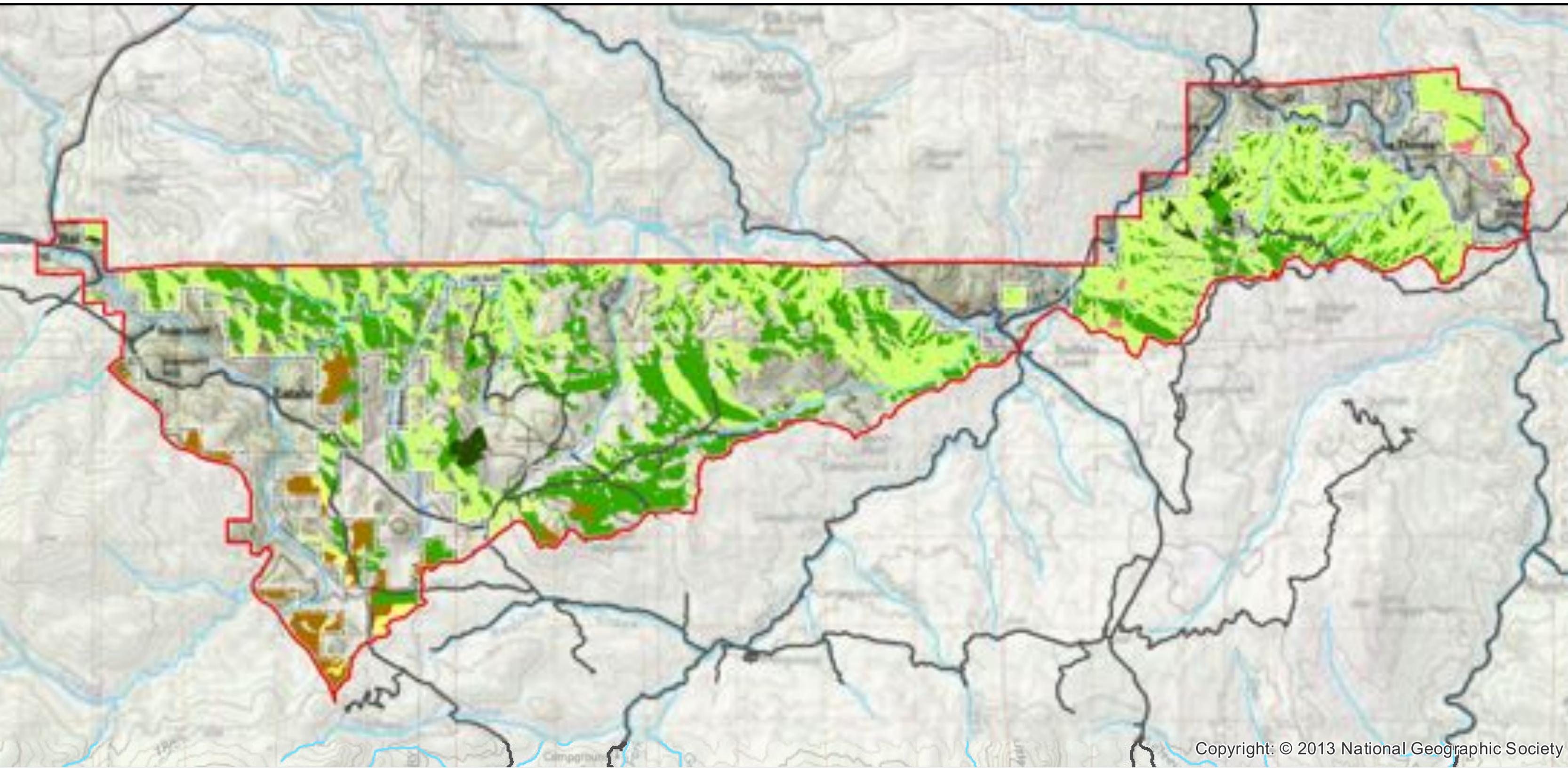
Pawnee Montane Skipper Habitat



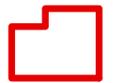
Recreation Resources

Purpose of Project

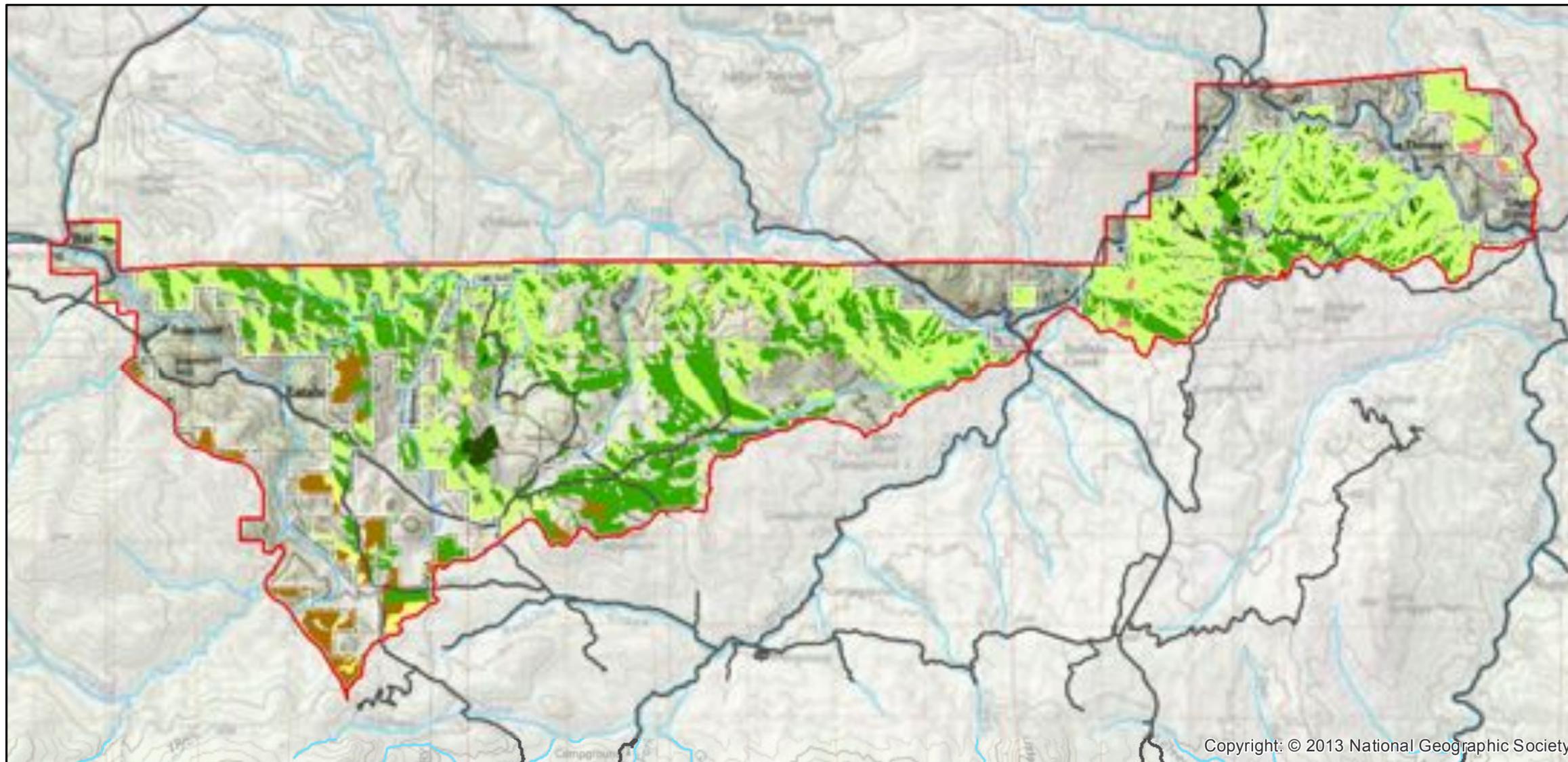
- ◆ To improve forest health, vigor, and resilience to large-scale fire, insects and disease
- ◆ To reduce impacts on public water supplies
- ◆ To enhance wildlife habitat
- ◆ To enhance recreational opportunities
- ◆ To reduce catastrophic, high-intensity wildfire



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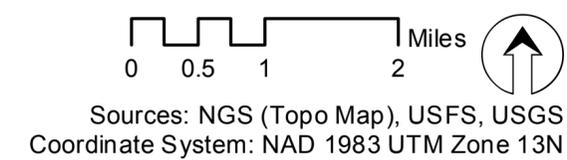


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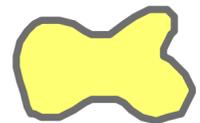
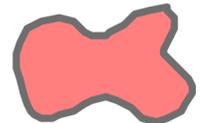
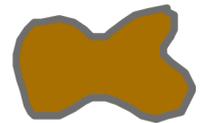
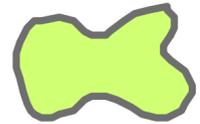
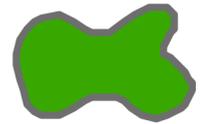
-  Crossons-Longview Forest Restoration Area
-  USDA Forest Service Boundary within the Restoration Area
-  Roads
-  Rivers and Streams
-  Mesic Ponderosa Pine Community
-  Xeric Ponderosa Pine Community
-  Mixed Conifer Community
-  Lodgepole Pine Community
-  Shrublands Community
-  Aspen Community

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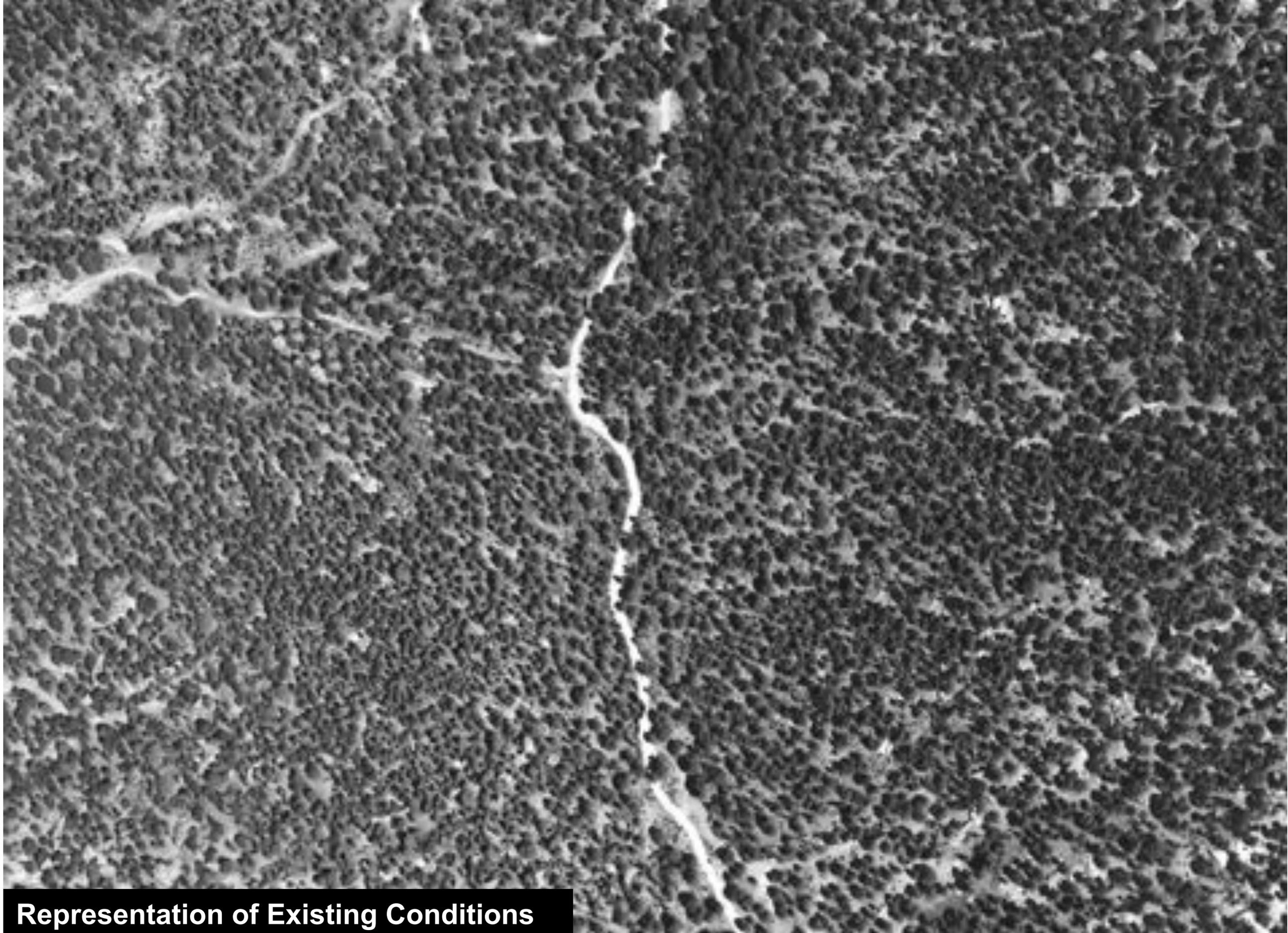


Proposed Actions

✓ ✓ Roads



Vegetation Type	Area	Percentage
Mesic Ponderosa pine	3,900	33%
Xeric Ponderosa pine	6,000	51%
Mixed Conifer	700	6%
Lodgepole pine	600	5%
Shrubs	100	1%
Aspen	400	4%
Total	11,700	100%



Representation of Existing Conditions



Representation of Mosaic Conditions

Resource Protection

- ◆ Adaptive management
- ◆ Mechanical slope limitations ($>35\%$)
- ◆ No new permanent roads

Why are we here?

Public Involvement

- ◆ Inform public
- ◆ Gather public input



How to Comment

- ◆ Comment by letter, email, or phone call
- ◆ Fill out comment card
- ◆ Email comments to kheiny@fs.fed.us
- ◆ Call Kris Heiny at 303-275-5636
- ◆ www.fs.usda.gov/projects/psicc/landmanagement/projects



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Projects

Find information on current and proposed projects for watershed restoration, habitat improvement, recreation sites, timber sales, roads, and more.

Four times a year, the forest publishes a Schedule Of Proposed Actions (SOPA).

Projects

- PSOC Oil and Gas Leasing EIS
- San Carlos - Greenhorn Blowdown, Spruce Beetle and Forest Management Project
- North Rampart Range Travel Management Plan
- South Rampart Range Travel Management Plan Final Memorandum (194 Kb pdf)
- EA for Range Allotment Management Planning on the McQuaid Allotment, South Park Ranger District
- DN-FONSI for the McQuaid RAMP

Forest Level Plans, Projects and References - Forest Monitoring

The forest plan is being revised. Learn more about the issues, management practices, monitoring, and public meetings.

- 1984 Land and Resource Management Plan
- Amendment 28 - South Platte Wild and Scenic River Study
- Amendment 30 - MIS Amendment
 - Decision Notice
 - Environmental Assessment
- Forest and Grassland Plan Revision

Fuels Treatment Projects

- NEW! Crossons-Longview Forest Restoration Project
- Hy-Brook Thinning Project Proposal
- Tennessee Creek Fuels Project
- Pikes Peak District - Catamount Project:
 - Description (12 Kb pdf)
 - Map A (795 Kb pdf)
 - Map B (165 Kb pdf)
- Salida District - Spruce Creek
 - Spruce Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Decision Memo (151 Kb pdf)
- 5-Year Stewardship Plan, Pike National Forest
- Interagency Bark Beetle Cooperative

Quick Links

- National Fire Plan ☐
- RSS Feed ☐

Alerts & Warnings

- Order 14-01 Manufactured Target Requirement
- Order 14-2 Emergency Trail Closure: Closure of Trails in the Bear Creek Watershe
- Order 13-01 Waldo Canyon Fire Area
- Order 13-9 Emergency Road Closure: Old Stage Road and Gold Camp Road
- Order 13-8 Prohibition of Motor Vehicles on Trails in the Bear Creek Watershed
- Order R02-2013-3 Weed Free Forage is required on National Forest Lands
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Forest Service Seeking Comments On The Crossons-Lonview Proposed
Forest Treatments

[New Release](#) (Word file)

[Public Notice](#) (Word file)

[Project Map](#) (PDF 3Mb)

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Scoping Comments

- ◆ Scoping comments are due April 21, 2014
- ◆ Comments help define issues, develop alternatives & modify the Proposed Action

Crossons-Longview Schedule

2013		2014												2015		
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Proposed Action																
				Scoping												
					Alternatives											
						Draft Environmental Assessment										
												Objection Period				
														Decision		

Questions & Answers