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Meeting Notes
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Attendees (Commissioners): Jim Caswell, Chair; Scott Stouder, Patty Perry, Bill Higgins, Alex Irby, Rich Johnson, Jonathan Oppenheimer, Alan Prouty, and Bob Cope

Others Present: Dave Schmid, R1 Acting Regional Forester; Nan Christianson, R4 Deputy Regional Forester; Anne Davy, Regional Roadless Coordinator; Mike Roach, Senator Risch's Office; Mitch Silvers, Senator Crapo's Office; Brad Griff, Congressman Labrador's Office; Scott Carlton, Congressman Labrador's Office; Mike Hanna, Senator Risch's Office; Terrie Cope; Keith and Jane Hill, Custer County NRAC.

Commission Business

General updates and reminders since last November meeting

We have several missing members today and we wish them speedy recoveries and best wishes for the issues they are dealing with. We have 14 new projects and 22 updates on our calendar today.

Bonner County Commission letter

Jim provided background on the letter the Idaho Roadless Commission received from the Bonner County Board of Commissioners on February 27, 2015 and the Idaho Roadless Commission's response on April 10, 2015 (see Binder – Commission Business). In summary, we communicated that our role is not to advocate, but rather to implement the Idaho Roadless Rule on the ground. The letter stated that the Wildland Recreation theme supports the highest level of protection and that the Idaho Panhandle Forest Plan is aligned with the Idaho Roadless Rule. If those had recommended wilderness, which all did but one, we were to ensure it aligned with the IRR.

The Boulder White Clouds had a good reception and received broad support for the proposal. It's been well received by the delegation and was mentioned at the hearing that the next potential wilderness in Idaho may be in play. They shared our letter with the State and the Delegation.

Status of letter to the Chief on modifications

This is the other important policy issue we are engaged in and it resulted in the Commission sending a letter to the Chief on January 26, 2015. We appreciate and thank the Regional Forester's for their support for the letter. The letter resulted in a phone call with the Chief a week ago, which was very positive. The Chief is in agreement that there is discretion under the Rule for him to consider public input and make a decision, but to also consider full-blown rulemaking if public comments warrant it. This would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Chief said a meeting has been scheduled with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) to review the issue and to develop a policy around this discretion. It may result in new manual or handbook direction, or an addition to our MOU. It will be something written and formal so in the future, whoever succeeds him will have written guidance/policy in place.

The Chief recognized the success of the Idaho Roadless Rule and spoke to its history and his involvement in it. He extended his appreciation to the Commission and to Jim and Dale's leadership and reassured us that he's committed to making this happen. There is still some work to complete, but we want to ensure everything is in place.

The Forest Service has a plan in place to move forward on this.

Idaho roadless training update

We have been to the Idaho Panhandle, Nez Clearwater, Kootenai, and the Salmon-Challis. It's been well received with good discussion and questions. The focus has been around personnel changes and allowing those folks to understand how the Rule works and what our role is. Remaining Forest training is listed in the binder and includes the Payette (July 15), Caribou-Targhee (*cancelled due to FS travel restriction for this FY*), Sawtooth (*cancelled, same*), and the Boise later this fall.

Action Item: Anne will send an updated schedule with dates, times, and locations to all Commissioners. The remaining three Forests will be rescheduled for early FY15.

Increasing Public Comment at Idaho Roadless Commission Meetings

This question surfaced at our last meeting: How to engage our public without requiring them to wait until the end of the meeting for their 15 minutes? Do we allow comments and questions throughout the meeting? What about two-day meetings? It makes it difficult for people to ask questions.

- We should put something on the website, solicit input from there.
- Attendees with specific questions during conversation should be accepted, as long as it doesn't detract from the meeting or take an excessive amount of time.
- As long as no one tries to hijack the meeting, it's fine.
- The Chair should have discretion. At the beginning of the meeting, specify the limitations (clarifications, questions about the process, or interpretation of the rule) and ensure that political opinions are not the subject. Chair has discretion to cut off.

Action Item: Add to the Operating Protocols. A draft will be circulated for membership review and edit.

Project Updates and New Projects

There is a new template for briefing papers. All new projects will be on the new template. Old projects were not required to use the new template unless the Forest wanted to switch over. Provide feedback to Anne on the whether this template works or if you would like to see additional changes.

Sawtooth National Forest

Carol Brown, Forest Environmental Coordinator; Michelle Erdie, Fuels Specialist; Kit Mullen, Forest Supervisor; Jenny Blake, Recreation and Lands; Lynn Snoddy, NEPA Planner

BSM Barite Exploration Drilling Project (Update)

This project is unchanged from the last time the Commission was briefed (Nov 2014). The Forest completed an analysis and then the operator changed his mind on the Proposed Action. The project will remain on hold until the proposal is firmed up. This project falls under the 1872 Mining Law.

Redfish 210 Post-Insect Outbreak Fuels Project (Update)

The Record of Decision date has moved to July. There are no other changes. There is strong public support for the project with implementation occurring this fall.

Questions and Comments:

- *Where are the units and how do we interpret the area of impact around Red Fish itself?* We are using ½ mile around the Redfish Lake Recreation Complex to define the CPZ. We followed the CPZ delineation process. We stuck with the ½ mile because there are no sustained steep slopes and no geographic features that create an effective fire break. We are still using Condition Class 3; therefore we are using ½ mile around Buckhorn homes and Redfish Lake.
- *Hasn't the beetle epidemic ceased in that area?* Yes, that is true. A lot of trees are falling down and creating a fuel hazard due to that situation. There isn't much left for them to eat.
- *Are we still using Condition Class 3 as criteria?* Fire regimes and condition classes are two different things, but the Rule seems to combine them.
- *Decision is when?* July, with implementation this fall.

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Jay Winfield, Salmon/Cobalt District Ranger; Glenwood Brittain, Minerals Administrator; Diane Weaver, Lost River District Ranger; Karryl Krieger, Land Management Planner; Jeff Huntteman, NEPA Planner; Ken Gebhardt, North Fork District Ranger; Maggie Seaberg, Forester; Doug Leyva, Silviculturist

East Boulder Placer Mining Exploration Project (Update)

The proposal is for up to 60 drill sites this year inside the Napoleon Ridge IRA in General Forest with temporary roads. There are no new roads or temporary roads being constructed. This project falls under the 1872 Mining Law. The Plan of Operation from last year has been renewed for this year. We are performing NEPA to finalize the second part of operations. This is currently an unauthorized route in that it was built a long time ago (exists on the ground) and then the Roadless Boundary was drawn after and the road does not occur in the Travel Management Plan.

Questions and Comments:

- *If the road is unauthorized and then further used as a road, how is that not new road construction? The rule says that nothing will affect existing roads or trails.*
- *In the context of the Rule, it's a moot point, but you have to review the Travel Management Rule which says that authorization of a road (non-system) and it's being authorized for use, it's technically new construction. But, since this is under the 1872 Mining Law, it doesn't apply.*
- *It is important that we know about projects within the Roadless Areas for accounting purposes, even if they do not apply.*

Mammoth Canyon Road Reclamation Project (New Project)

Road reclamation project 6 miles southwest of Mackey in the White Mountain IRA. We propose to decommission 8.4 miles of road. It also includes closed system routes that are currently closed to public use. The consistency with the IRR is that these are existing roads and will be handled through the Travel Management Plan.

Questions and Comments:

- *Are you doing something with your TMP? Seeking comment? Currently out for scoping and we've not received a whole lot back yet. Still on the table as to whether this will be an EA; part of Subpart A.*
- *Is Custer County going to comment? Some are not aware that the roads aren't really open. Mostly proposing to close unauthorized routes.*

Ramey Creek Vegetation Improvement Project (New Project)

This project comes from Custer County, composed of people that either live or recreate in the area. They are concerned about the beetle kill and the portion of Copper Field. We have a lot of dead and dying lodgepole pine. The initial mapping was incorrect and there is a road that goes straight up the hillside. We are proposing a correction in the cherry-stemmed road. The black and white checkerboard is an existing, open road. The road actually ends in the Douglass fir stand. Additionally, what is the definition of existing roads, as they pertain to the IRR and the Travel Management Plan? Custer County is performing the NEPA on this project.

Questions and Comments:

- *Where is the cow camp?* Below the legend, find the road then straight up.
- *Do you still run cattle through there?* Yes
- *Where would you see forest products going? What will you harvest?* Mostly personal fuelwood and post and pole, with fiber going to two plants in Salmon.
- *What is the schedule?* This is a challenge, as we have a learning curve for Custer County and NEPA. They are trying to get specialists involved and they are doing a complete job. We expect this to emerge next year with collection of data this summer, analysis this winter, and implementation in 2016.
- *Doesn't this border sage grouse habitat?* Yes, if it went laterally through Copper Basin it would go over the hill and drop into Wood River. South, it would hit the canyons which all have pristine alpine lakes at risk. **We could also piggy-back on the field trip if you're interested.**
- *The road that accesses Unit F would be a temporary road?* Yes, we will do full obliteration where possible, but all would be decommissioned upon completion of project. But, we cannot access the area due to dead and down timber. We would also drop timber around the edge.
- *I would strongly suggest you don't decommission as this is a heavily used recreation area and you may need it for extraction during emergencies.* Good comment and we will consider, but Search & Rescue can get in there pretty easily.
- *Adjustments (adding and subtracting areas) make sense regarding system roads, but I don't understand the removal of the cherry-stemmed road (yellow)?* It's for access only to treat this piece of ground. Right now it's unauthorized and the only access we would have is that cherry-stemmed road.
- *Green roads are existing and non-system routes are not to be used as system haul roads?* Correct, most of those are newer. The one we're talking about is orange colored and built with machines as it's nice and flat and looks manufactured.
- *Adjustments to the boundary show an island less than 30 acres at the crux of the Y in between those black-and-white roads.* That's the correction.
- *Help me understand the treatment area?* There might be some merchantable timber in there, but not much, mostly firewood. Timber would be skidded out, but trucks would not deviate from the road.
- *Will you burn after harvest?* Yes.

- *Do you think this will be an EA? Yes.*
- *Farm Bill CE? Yes, maybe*
- *What is the actual treatment area? About 400 acres*
- *Don't wait for the Commission to complete a field tour to move forward with the project. Please proceed with your work.*
- *This project will help form the details around the idea of our position on those permissions in the Rule regarding roads. We need to get it right the first time.*
 - *That's an important distinction and the point being made is valid.*
- *In these projects, with these specific permissions where there is no adjacent community being threatened, it's a bit more difficult and not cut-and-dry.*

Action Item: Add to field trip agenda if possible (Anne)

North Zone Farm Bill Project (New Project)

We stress that these are preliminary ideas. We propose to look at 3,000 acres of treatment, including harvest, pre-commercial thinning, and fire. There may be a need for temporary roads and utilizing existing unauthorized temporary roads. The roads would be decommissioned immediately upon completion. The Salmon-Challis has an old Forest Plan that's been in existence for a long time.

After cursory ideas are flushed out, we'd like to know the Commission's interest in seeing the project to review the spirit of the rule and the minimizing of impacts on the ground.

Questions and Comments:

- *The IRA to the east is Jessie Creek, the poster child for why we needed the IRR. This is vital to the town of Salmon.*
- *Part of the concern is the challenge of getting into Jessie Creek to do fuel reduction work, as it is extremely challenging to access. The access difficulty is the critical need to protect the area.*
- *There were over 30 roads we reviewed and mapped out the areas, and only two of them had no roads with one of them being Jessie Creek.*
- *What is the timing? Continue working on NFMA throughout this year and NEPA next fiscal year with hopes of getting the Commission out this summer (July/August).*
- *How much time? One day, with highlights on critical areas and review of the program.*

Action Item: Set up field trip to Jessie Creek in August/September (Anne)

Idaho Panhandle National Forest

David Cobb, NEPA Coordinator

Deer Creek Project (Update)

This was briefed last fall. This is a large vegetation management project with prescribed burning in one IRA. There may be some small tree cutting where we are trying to enhance and protect white bark pine areas. We finished public scoping and there is general support for the project. The Collaborative in the area supports the project. EA is expected by August, with a Draft ROD in April and a Final ROD in July 2016.

Treasured Landscapes Prescribed Burning & WBP Restoration (Update)

This was briefed last fall. The Proposed Action has been refined and there is general support for the project that includes prescribed burning and WBP restoration in 4 IRA's and near Scotchman Peaks RWA. Comments were favorable and Friends of Scotchman Peaks supported the project. It entails 2,400 acres of Rx burn utilizing helicopter. We will have to formally consult with Fish & Wildlife due to disturbance of bears in the Grizzly Habitat Management Area. We hope to have a Draft ROD this fall with implementation next year.

Questions and Comments:

- *I've never heard of a weed and release unit?* It means we would cut down small trees that are growing next to white bark pine prior to burning so that we don't damage the WBP during the Rx burn. Cuts out the competition.

Treasured Landscapes Recreation Project (Update)

This entails enhancing recreation opportunities like reconstruction and re-routing of trails. This was brought to the Commission last fall. Since then, we've received public comment on the EA. They were mostly favorable with limited responses. This is not out for objection yet. The Draft ROD was signed several weeks ago and we hope to implement this summer or fall.

Payette National Forest

Patricia Anderson Soucek, Planning Staff Officer; Steve Penny, Council & Weave RD Environmental Coordinator; Denise Cobb, Realty Specialist; Alicia Underhill, Meadows RD Environmental Coordinator

Big Creek Restoration and Access Management Project (Update)

There is no implementation at this moment.

Golden Meadows (Update)

Exploratory drilling. Nothing has occurred on this one and is in a holding pattern at this time.

Golden Hand EIS (Update)

We are through the objection resolution meetings and are expecting a lawsuit. Once through the process, we will bring in for further updates. This project has road reconstruction in wilderness. We have a court order to proceed. There has been no on-the-ground activity yet.

Questions and Comments:

- *This is performed under the 1872 Mining Law?* Correct.

Middle Fork Weiser Landscape Restoration Project (New Project)

For Poison Creek IRA, there will be 0.2 miles of road obliteration. This wasn't in the briefing paper, so the Summary should show 1 mile of obliteration. There will be incidental tree cutting, which will be used for erosion control where possible.

Questions and Comments:

- *Differentiating between single track and dual track?* This is for a single track trail.
- *Vegetation treatment map has commercial treatments next to the IRA boundaries, are these boundaries properly placed?* Some burned in the Grey Creek fire and some overstory was lost. Some areas that could have been treated are very steep and that's why we did not go in there.
 - *It was a philosophical question; we'd like to see more logical boundaries rather than just an IRA boundary line. Treatment should cross over into the IRA.*
- *On the northern edge, it's been burned?* No, on the southwestern side from Boulder Creek through Grey Creek. The northern side has been harvested quite a bit.
- *Scoping is complete?* Yes, December/January 2015. There will be draft decision in October.
- *This went through the Payette Forest Coalition?* Correct.

Forgy Water System Initial Briefing (New Project)

This is a permit renewal for a water system that occurs on Forest Service ground. It's within the Rapid River IRA with a Primitive theme. Water is transported through 2,800 feet of PVC type to a lower residential area. There are no changes, no road building, no mining, and no grazing involved. The current permit holders use an ATV to access the headwaters twice per year.

Questions and Comments:

- *Is this area predominantly Wildland Recreation?* This was a special use in place prior to the IRA and is Primitive.

Snowmobile Outfitter & Guide (New Project)

We have 3 areas we are look at to provide snowmobile guiding services. Right now these areas have the 3rd highest usage of snowmobiling in the state. We are proposing to allow Outfitters & Guides (O&G) in this area. Private individuals are currently providing this service. This will provide the Forest Service more management and use. There would be no more than 10 clients per trip and there will be a designated timeframe for O&G to abide by. Scoping comments from The Wilderness Society mention that the areas are premier proposed wilderness and the FS responded that they felt it would not affect future eligibility. We believe we are compliant with the direction in the Forest Plan.

Questions and Comments:

- *Guided areas would be open to the public?* Yes, it does not give them exclusive use of the area.
- *Is your travel plan is fairly new?* It was signed in 2008 for winter, and we also have a Summer Travel Plan. Summer is divided by districts.
- *I assume you have experience with violations?* Yes, LEO's are aware and we monitor the areas we don't allow motorized use.
- *Is it much of a problem?* We do have some encroachment into Recommended Wilderness. We don't have any into Wilderness. O&G would be instructed on where to go and where not to go.
- *The outfitter could help you police, as they will be watching.*
- *How much interest from existing outfitters?* Between 10-25 inquiries per year. Most of them deal with the increase in the type of recreation. We can't specify whether they are existing or new.
- *If there aren't existing outfitters, how would you allocate the areas?* As we started the NEPA process, we had one existing outfitter operating out of Council, but we did have a past outfitter that operated in the area, but they are no longer here. We met with the O&G Licensing Board and brought in local outfitters that may be interested, had a meeting, reviewed the maps, and took input on where on the forest we would want and not want to offer snowmobiling. We identified 3 large areas that would be open to this use. In the EA (about to be released) there are 3 areas identified, done with the help of O&G, the public, and the Licensing Board. We also worked with other providers (in other states) and used that information in the EA.
- *The danger of over-snow use in this area should be remembered. Without groomed trails and designated routes, I am concerned about safety issues and wildlife habitat disturbance.* We are not performing any changes in over-snow travel management. There is no change to areas open or closed to motorized use. We are striving to provide opportunities with an outfitter, as they will facilitate the use already occurring. They will know the area and where they are not supposed to be. Out of state visitors have problems knowing where they can/cannot go, and this will help with intrusions. We also feel the area is expanding for snowmobiling use, with 67,000 people a year visiting. We anticipate 2,500 service days associated with the prospectus. We anticipate 50% of visitors will be first-time users who need groomed trails and understanding where they can or cannot go.
- *Does this meet the intent of the Rule or not.* This meets the intent of the rule.

Brundage Cat Skiing Permit Updates (New Project)

This permit provides backcountry skiing opportunities. The permit was originally issued in 1994. There would only be trees removed for safety, there is no road building, and there will be no mining. They are asking for changes in the route to access the area.

Questions and Comments:

- *The map provided shows the existing tracks in dark blue and new tracks are light blue?* Correct. They don't use all trails every year; they are snow dependent. They need different routes to reach snow.
- *There would be no timber cutting?* There would likely be about 10 trees cut to have an area to get the snow cat to the area.
- *This would be done under an EA?* Yes, it's been written, but not released yet.
- *Is there potential to see more trees cut over the life of the project?* There is a reissuance in 2016 and the Annual Operating Plan will address that. These routes have been there a long time. For new routes, the other trees are already gone and we don't anticipate very many being cut.
- *You should clarify about the tree cutting, as it addresses the incidental portion of the Rule.*

Action Item: Anne will work with the Forest to correct BP re: tree cutting

Range Fence Improvement (New Project)

Questions and Comments:

- *Will this be a wildlife friendly fence?* We have not worked with Idaho Fish & Game.
- *Please inquire about the fence regarding wildlife. Please also send the information to the Commission when you receive it.*

Reissue of Special Use Permit for 7 Devils Lodge (New Project not on the Agenda)

There are winter and summer outfitting usages. Winter usage is small snowmobiling trails. They are permitted within the boundary that is open to motorized use under our winter Travel Management Plan. Summer aspects are limited to horseback riding, backpacking, biking and some overlooks you can drive too. Otherwise, these are all non-motorized use. There is a single, overnight recreation above Rapid River IRA (separate) on Map 4.

Questions and Comments:

- *Are you on track for the end of the month?* Yes
- *Did you scope it?* Yes, March and April with 7 comments and none relating to IRA's.

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Garth Smelser, Forest Supervisor; Doug Herzog, Forest Planner

Bilk Creek Placer Mining Operation (Update)

This project is still on hold. This is a gold mining operation under the 1872 Mining Law and no issues regarding the Idaho Roadless Rule.

Questions and Comments:

- *For lands acquired after 1872, are there other laws that apply, those acquired after the designation of the national forest?* Correct, acquired lands have a different set of rules governing them. These are public domain lands where 1872 applies. The Minerals Administrator handles those situations where lands are treated differently.

Smoky Canyon Mine Panel G Modification (Update)

This project will have a ROD issued June 15. Objections have been reviewed and incorporated into the project.

Dairy Syncline Land Exchange (Update)

There is no update on this project. DEIS is still scheduled for December 2015.

Husky 1 North Dry Ridge (Update)

Temporarily on hold.

Dry Ridge Exploration (Update)

The EA was finalized in May 2015 and BLM got their Decision and FONSI out and FS issued theirs and we are now in a 45 day objection period, which closes the end of June.

Rainey Creek Vegetation Restoration Project (Update)

We received a lot of scoping comments on visual impacts as a result of treatment. Currently, the District Ranger is considering shrinking the scope of the project and demonstrating the visual effects of the project before proceeding with the full project. This “sample” would occur in the Road Canyon section of the project, where 1,300 acres would have 625 acres treated.

Questions and Comments:

- *Will this be re-scoped in August?* There will be a comment letter to the original people who responded, allowing them to understand how we will perform a CE for the area. This will just be a test area to test visual impacts associated with treatment.
- *When evaluating those treatments, how does this affect CWPP? Were they consulted?* We don't know.
- *Federal actions should be coordinated with the State and the community at large.* We just had our pre-season meeting with those officials and we will follow up.

- *Is there fuel reduction being completed with the mahogany treatments?* Not in our project, but we can check.

Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation (Update)

Draft EA was released in April 2015 and 2 comments were received. Those have been responded to and the final EA and draft decision were released on June 4. We now have a 45-day objection period ending July 20. The boundary modification will be decided by the Chief. The Federal Register Notice for that boundary modification will have a 45-day notice and comment period. After that, we can make the decisions for this project.

Questions and Comments:

- *How did you resolve the road location problem?* It was difficult, but we stuck with the original proposed location with mitigation measures to reduce sediment issues associated with the steep grade of the road. We have added cross-drainage and we don't think sediment will be a major concern once the project is implemented. We are looking at 1.3 cubic feet of sediment per year after the project. Instead of changing the road, we moved the motorized recreation access to a parking lot and it helped to mitigate the safety issues surrounding the project.

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Norma Staaf, Forest Environmental Coordinator; Zach Peterson, Forest Planner; Lois Hill, IDT Leader; Adam McClory, North Zone Recreation Staff Officer

Orogrande Fuels Project (Update)

The draft EA is out to the public. We have received 6 comments and they were all related to Idaho roadless. The river to the west of Orogrande does not provide an effective way to perform the excavation without entering the IRA. The Final EA will be published later this summer and then we will begin the objection process. We plan to implement summer 2016.

Questions and Comments:

- *When you change from tractor to helicopter, what is the economic feasibility?* That will be marginal, as the product is lodgepole pine. Another concern from the analysis, helicopter logging will leave tops and slash on the ground with fewer choices about treating those fuels.
- *The way the Rule is written, it talks about being within the CPZ and that you must demonstrate the project couldn't be done without the road. Ensure the alternative is developed and discloses the effects.*
- We have steelhead and bull trout in this stream and F&W and NPT visited the project and that went well.
- *The Objection EA will be out in the fall?* By the end of summer. We were aiming for July, but based on comments, we are reviewing to ensure we meet Forest Plan objectives. We also had other projects ahead of this with Fish & Wildlife for consultation. We are waiting for Clear Creek and others. We cannot sign a decision until the consultation has occurred.

Clear Creek EIS (Update)

The draft ROD was out at the end of February. We received 3 objections and were given regional direction to clarify some things. We published the DEIS without the signed Biological Opinion (BO), so there will be a few updates due to the BO, primarily targeted to water quality. Also, we have to publish the final EIS to the EPA to be published to their website for 30 days before we can sign the decision. We are looking at mid-late July for the decision.

Questions and Comments:

- *The 30 day publishing discussed used to happen with the Appeal Process.*
- *What is the 30 days for EPA? All other agencies do this; we are now doing the same. We did it differently because of the appeal process, but now that we've moved to the objection process that has changed.*
- *Having sat in on the objection meeting, I was gratified that we had the opportunity to speak for our project.*
- *There were issues raised around the watershed, and we needed to make sure the analysis is complete in case we are litigated.*

Forest Plan Revision (Update)

Scoping ended in November and we received 13,800 comments on the Proposed Action. Most dealt with the Hoodoo IRA and the continued use of over-snow machines and recommended wilderness and the conflict between the two. We are diving into the details. The main issue is to decide classifications for Roadless Areas.

Questions and Comments:

- *Did you use the original version on Chapter 70 Evaluation? We are still in the process of evaluating our Chapter 70. Between 2004 and 2007, we used the baseline and we are developing a crosswalk between the two directives. We are leaning on our Early Adopter position to use what we started, but to take a second hard look to meet the 2015 directives as much as possible. We believe we are meeting the intent and will talk more about Wilderness and IRAs.*
- *There was a letter written by the Regional Forester's Office to the Chief and it speaks to the issues regarding language. It's recommended background material for your efforts.*
- *John's Creek, north of the Gospel Hump Wilderness, we have maintained the language of the American Wilderness Act which would support re-examining the area for eligibility. Some modifications of the boundary could be expected through the Forest Plan Revision Process. Is there an opportunity or need, at a forest wide scale, to review boundaries and take a package forward that includes all those modifications and corrections? We did discuss that, along with Special Management Areas and we want to remain consistent.*

Action Item: Send RF letter to Governor to Forest Planning Team (Anne)

Lolo Insect and Disease (Status)

We hoped to have a draft EIS out by now, but we have been working on Johnson Bar, so expect a draft in 2016. One change is that we are treating 1,100 acres, but our roadless treatment area will still be around 386 acres.

Lowell WUI (Update)

Designation has changed to accommodate Farm Bill treatment areas. We intend to hold another public meeting July 15 at the Ranger Station. All specialists are working on Clear Creek and Johnson Bar, so that is slowing things down slightly.

Questions and Comments:

- *Was this a collaboratively developed project? Have you worked with Idaho County CWPP?* Yes, but they still need to perform collaboration for the project.
- *You are on track for the end of the fiscal year?* Yes

Action Item: Follow up with Idaho County CWPP to review, update and prioritize areas for coordination of projects

Road #111 (Update)

After public and internal comment, we heard that people would like to see the road remain on the landscape. We will monitor conditions on the ground, especially the culvert and have placed the project on hold until conditions dictate otherwise. None of the culverts are in high danger of failure.

Questions and Comments:

- *Is there alternative access to the area?* No, but the only road would be a dead-end one and people really don't like those.
- *Are there chronic erosion problem?* Yes, and there is potential to review those issues and address them through maintenance. If we come back, it would be to replace culverts.
- *This was the "Road to Nowhere" we talked about last time?* Yes
- *It didn't have a high Recreational value?* It hasn't been evaluated for recreational use, as projects on the road decommissioning list were primarily for fish habitat, water quality and timber harvest. Now, we will add the recreational opportunity spectrum to the analysis. So, now the "Road to Nowhere" is the only road! It's surfacing on other projects that recreation emphasis needs to be considered. When we are finished with Forest Planning that will provide a better framework for making these decisions.
- *I appreciate the additional analysis for recreation, and I agree that the analysis needs to occur for the purposes of reducing sediment.*

Clarke Mountain OHV Trail (New Project)

A quarter mile of trail is to be relocated using an Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Trail Cat, which we will also use to decommission existing trails. We received 3 comments from Idaho Conservation League, Lewis Clark ATV Club and Friends of Clearwater. All were positive feedback with the exception of FOC mentioning that the ATV trail is the same as a road. The decision should be out in July 2015.

- *I've been on this trail numerous times and moving the trail takes care of a huge sediment issue.*
- **Typo correction: 4-6 inches, not feet**

Boise National Forest

Randy Hayman, Forest Planner and Ellen Berggren, USACE, District Outreach Coordinator, Walla Walla District; Stephanie Church, District Ranger; John Kitt

Bald Mountain Repeater Site (New Project)

There will be little disturbance, as it's a low impact repeater site. The goal is to get coverage to Atlanta for emergency services and others where there isn't good radio service. This will service two areas, Bald Mountain and Swanholm. This would be in the Smokey Mountain IRA and ¼ mile into Bald Mountain IRA. The biggest challenge will be to find a location for a helicopter landing pad, which will result in the only tree removal. There will be no road construction or reconstruction.

Swanholm Repeater Site (New Project)

This is in the 10 Mile Area, which is recommended for Wilderness. Right now the existing lookout is within that area. If we move it to the new site, it will be just inside the IRA boundary. This has an existing communications system, but it's in a historic lookout needing to be moved. There is an existing road to the project.

Questions and Comments:

- *Has this been Scoped?* Yes and an EA will follow shortly. These would be installed in July in anticipation of fire season.

Carlin Minerals Exploration Project (New Project)

This is a project under the 1872 Mining Law and is located in the Grimes Pass IRA and a General Forest theme. In scoping, the greatest concern was impacts to Idaho Roadless Areas. The existing road does not require reconstruction, only maintenance. This is not a Forest System Road. Additional concerns surrounded water quality and the Sacajawea Plant which is a sensitive species. They are blasting material and removing 30-40 tons from an area less than $\frac{2}{10}$ of an area and it then goes to an outside source for analysis. We are going through the NEPA process now.

Questions and Comments:

- *If they determine value there, how long will the road be in place?* Approximately one year. If they do find enough gold to continue, we will have to restart and re-scope. They will not make a determination if the proponent can support enough mineral deposit to substantiate future development, and you wouldn't want to decommission the road. So, the decision may not be made until next year.
- *The road is in a good location? There is one stretch that is along the creek and we haven't determined if work needs to be completed there or not..*
- *How is value determined?* We have a mineral examiner and he determines if it is worth it. He will determine ounces per ton, etc. The "value" statement is subjective. The most important part, right now, is the exploration. The value is for the miner to decide. They are exercising their property right.
- *A certified mineral examiner would determine if it's a reasonable amount for the quantity of work to be completed.*
- *What are the needs for the road?* It's gauged by the equipment being used to perform the excavation and ensuring there is sufficient road space.

Boise River Feasibility Study (New Project)

The Boise River watershed is the highest flood risk priority for the Walla Walla District because of the significant population center within the District boundaries and has it the greatest flood risk because of the limited flood risk protection provided by infrastructure and the potential magnitude of damage from a flood.

More than 1/3 to 40% of state's population resides in the watershed, with about 1/6 of the State's population residing in the floodplain. There are more than seven communities potentially impacted by a flood, with infrastructure and content valued at more than \$10 billion. The floodplain includes county traffic control center, schools, numerous sewage treatment plants, commercial and industrial facilities, utilities and major access roads and bridges.

The watershed also is challenged to meet current and future water needs as a result of significant population growth over the past years, a semi-arid climate, and current prohibitions on development of groundwater sources. Climate variability and a constrained reservoir storage system adds uncertainty to meeting current and future water supply needs.

Flows in the lower Boise River are regulated by three federal dams located upstream of Boise – Lucky Peak Dam operated by the Corps and 2 dams operated by USBR including Arrowrock and Anderson Ranch. Corps and Reclamation jointly operate the three reservoirs as a system for flood risk and irrigation and other benefits as described in a Joint Water Control Manual and 1953 MOA and 1985 MOU.

Combined reservoir storage capacity is less than half of average annual runoff. The community has not seen a major flood since construction of the dams in the 1950s. We have experienced minor floods, with the most recent in 2012. Federal and State agencies recognize this watershed as a high flood risk priority. IBHS Flood Risk Portfolio ranked it no. 1 priority.

Congress has authorized the Corps to conduct a feasibility study to find solutions to reduce flood risk and meet future water supply and demand in the Boise River watershed.

We are in the process of developing the Draft EIS and the FS and Bureau of Reclamation are cooperating agencies. The feasibility study is looking at a number of measures to meet flood risk reduction and water supply objectives. Providing additional storage is common to many of the alternatives as it can meet both objectives. The Corps completed a screening process that looked at 12 sites to construct new storage or increase storage, including Arrowrock and Lucky Peak. The screening analysis ranked Arrowrock at the top of the list.

The PowerPoint information presented by Ellen Berggren, District Outreach Coordinator/ Program and Project Manager at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is available here:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/roadless/idahoroadlessrule/?cid=stelprdb5382395>

Or, contact Anne Davy to have it emailed to you (10 MB) or to have a hardcopy sent to you in the mail. Anne can be reached at 406.329.3314 or at adavy@fs.fed.us.

Additional Information:

- Mt Heinin: 12,785 acres, new pool acres 19, existing withdrawals go into roadless approximately 254 acres.
- Cow Creek: 17,478 acres, new pool would affect 203 acres and current withdrawal 170 acres
- New pool is if they build the reservoir raise, the pool would raise and inundate the roadless area by X.
- Danskin Management Area (with Wild/Scenic River Corridor) would have 17 new pool acres and 339 existing withdrawal acres
- Key Implications: Road 268 will be inundated. Road relocation options are being reviewed. Other roads will be displaced due to inundation limits, including two bridges (Neal and Slide Gulch). Access options are still being evaluated.
- Each IRA would have some sort of impact, either with inundation, roads, existing withdrawals or new withdrawals.
- The SMA would require a suitability study for eligibility assessment
- Blue are IRAs, red are maximum pool, and yellow are existing reclamation withdrawals. Overlaying the layers shows an infringement on IRAs. If the Arrowrock raise measure was in the selected alternative, there would be additional withdrawals that would be requested. Because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will likely be going through Congressional authorization for withdrawals. If new withdrawals result in a recommended boundary change, the Commission may want to suggest such a change be included in the authorization rather than working through a respective land management agency's administrative processes and/or rulemaking process.

Questions and Comments:

- *What role do we play in this?* Over the next year, as this project develops, that answer will become clearer.
- *Will withdrawal management purpose trump the Idaho Roadless Rule, where withdrawals overlap an IRA?* Determining the answer to this question will require additional investigation. Existing withdrawals (which do overlap IRA boundaries) were established, then removed, then reestablished (1900-1930) so they have been in place for a while. Since they were pre-IRA, they are assumed to be grandfathered.

- If you had a proposal, for example they needed a gravel source; they would build the road and extend into the IRA (causing conflict). This needs to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- *If you do increase this, do new withdrawals look different than old withdrawals? Would that cause conflict?* There would be some differences. We would look in to the specific language in the existing withdrawals and what would be proposed in a new withdrawal. It was suggested to pursue one withdrawal; preliminary discussions have recommended that we do supplemental withdrawals to supplement the existing withdrawal.
- There are gaps between the existing reclamation withdrawals. Reclamation withdrawals were only put in place where there was federal ownership at the time of the withdrawal. The gaps in the existing withdrawals are private lands that were acquired by the Bureau of Reclamation and later transferred to the Forest Service. As part of that transfer, the Bureau of Reclamation retained the rights to use the land for reclamation purposes.
- The Arrowrock Reservoir road has been adjudicated through the courts to Boise County and thus likely falls under the outstanding right exception in the Rule should it need to be relocated into an IRA. The roads in the area of the south fork (Blacks Creek and Slide Gulch) are under easement to Mountain Home Highway District.
- There seems to be a lot of Agencies involved in the process. We should attempt to smooth the process. Also, eliminating conflicts where possible will help to alleviate the issues.
- *What are other types of withdrawals besides reclamation withdrawals* – Wilderness, powersite and those are just a few off the top of my head. Corps of Engineers also has withdrawals.

Public Comments

Keith Hill (Custer County NRAC) – I came here to get the Commission's blessing on the Custer County project. Impressed with the group. You are very knowledgeable.

Commission Member Feedback and Critique

- We may want to consider a different approach to ongoing projects. It might be too much detail for this meeting. Perhaps have a paragraph describing the ongoing efforts and spend more time focusing on new projects and issues that need detailed discussion.
- I like the new format. Thank you. It's easier to read and digest.
- Feasibility study is a can of worms. To get ahead of it is a good thing for this Commission.
- We will only garner more projects as this Rule becomes more visible. Other agencies and projects will begin to come forward.
- Our November meeting will be in Coeur d'Alene.

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Summary of Idaho Roadless Projects (36 CFR 294 Subpart C) July 2015

Table 1. Accomplishments since October 2008

NEPA Decision	National Forest	Project Name	Roadless Area/Theme	Activity	Acres	Exception Applied
7/27/15	Idaho Panhandle	Treasured Landscapes Recreation Project	Beetop/BCR Scotchman Peaks/WLR, BCR, and FPSA Trestle Peak/BCR Mt Willard-Lake Estelle/BCR and FPSA	Trail reconstruction (5.5 ac.), decommissioning (3.6 ac.), rerouting (3.8 ac.), and boardwalk construction.	≈13	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
07/21/15	Sawtooth	Redfish 210 Post-Insect Outbreak Fuels Project	Huckleberry/BCR	Prescribed burning and hand thinning to reduce stand density, improve large tree growing conditions, and protect values-at-risk (Redfish Lodge, Redfish Lake recreational complex, etc.)	280	294.24(c)(1)(i,iii-v)
07/18/15	Payette	Forge Water System SUP	Rapid River/ Primitive	Authorize the continued operation and maintenance of a water system. No improvements or changes	0	294.26
07/14/15	Caribou-Targhee	Dry Ridge Exploration	Dry Ridge/GFRG	Fertoz USA LLC submitted a plan for phosphate exploration on the Dry Ridge federal phosphate lease, IDI- 07238.	32	294.24(d) 294.25(e)(4)

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07/10/15	Salmon-Challis	East Boulder Placer Exploration	Napoleon Ridge/GFRG	Drill auger holes and dig trenches in order to test for placer gold.	<1	294.24(d) 294.25(b)
06/19/15	Payette	Golden Hand EIS	Big Creek Fringe, Placer Creek, Secesh River/BCR Big Creek Fringe, Cottontail Point/Pilot Peak, Placer Creek, Smith Creek/Primitive	Cut approximately 50 trees for the purpose of providing mine timbers and to facilitate operations		294.25(b) 294.24(b)(iv) 294.24(b)(v) 294.24(c)(1)(vi) 294.24(c)(1)(vii) 294.26(a)
06/15/15	Caribou-Targhee	Smoky Canyon Mine Panel G Mod	Meade Peak and Sage Creek/GFRG	Lease modification for a permanent overburden disposal site and temporary storage site.	431	294.25(e)(1)
05/21/15	Nez Perce-Clearwater	Fish Creek Weir	North Lochsa Slope/Primitive	Reissuance of a special use permit	1	294.26(a) 294.26(c)
03/19/15	Idaho Panhandle	Big Creek Trail Reroute	Big Creek/BCR	Relocate approximately 1½ miles of trail and obliterate the replaced trail.	≈1	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
03/19/15	Idaho Panhandle	Marble Creek Trail Reroute	Grandmother Mt/BCR	Relocation x miles of trail and obliterate the replaced trail	≈1	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
01/05/15	Idaho Panhandle	IPNF and Kootenai Forest Plan Revision	Forest-wide	Forest Plan Revision	--	
12/04/14	Salmon-Challis	Upper North Fork	Allan Mt/BCR and FPSA Anderson Mt/BCR West Big Hole/BCR	Rx burn Pre-commercial thin Shaded fuel break Commercial thin Meadow treatment Designated OG treatment Temp road const. (miles) Road decommission (miles)	22,161 2 192 585 1,190 2,242 . 2.13 2.99	294.24(c)(1)(i) 294.23(b)(2) 294.28(f) 294.24(c)(1)(iv)
11/25/14	Payette	Jackson Creek Trail Reroute	French Creek/BCR	Reroute, reconstruct, and decommission several sections of existing motorized trail.	1.8	294.24(c)(1)(vii) 294.26(a)

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10/10/14	Idaho Panhandle	St. Joe RD Outfitter and Guide Permit Renewals	North Fork, Hammond Creek, Meadow Creek-Upper North fork, Sheep Mountain-State Line, Big Creek, Storm Creek, Roland Point, Mallard Larkins, and Mosquito Fly	Outfitter and guide permit renewal		N/A
9/18/14	Sawtooth	Rusty Nugget Placer Exploration	Smokey Mountains Backcountry Restoration	20 sample holes per acre	4	294.25 General Mining Law 1872
9/18/14	Boise	South Fork Boise River Corridor Post-Fire Restoration	Cathedral Rocks and House Mountain/FPESA and Primitive	Upland and riparian planting	2,437	NA – Activity not prohibited by the Rule
7/9/14	Idaho Panhandle	Simmons Fuels	Sheep Mt-State Line/BCR Mallard Larkins/WLR	Rx burning and planting. Small number of trees may be cut for safety purposes	7,047	294.24(a)(2) and 294.24(c)(1)(vii)
DM not required	Payette	Cuddy Mountain Repeater	Cuddy Mountain/Primitive	Repeater installation	80 ft ²	294.26(c)
6/25/14	Sawtooth	Pole Creek Road Realignment	Boulder-White Clouds/FPESA	1.3 miles of road relocated out of a riparian conservation area.	2	294.28(f)
6/24/14	Boise	GRAIP to WIne	Caton Lake/BCR	2.4 miles of road obliteration	≈ 6	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
3/11/14	Nez Clearwater	Deadhorse Trail Reroute	Little Slate Creek North/BCR and SAHTS	Reroute approx 2,000 ft of trail onto adjacent side slopes; removing 2 fords on Deadhorse Creek	>½	294.26(a)
2/25/14	Salmon-Challis	East Boulder Placer Mine Exploration	Napoleon Ridge/GFRG	Drill 50 6-inch diameter auger holes (16' deep) and four trenches (5'w x 10'l x 20'd) trenches to test for placer gold.	NA	294.25(b)
2/24/14	Idaho Panhandle	Marble Creek Splash Dam Modification	Grandmother Mt./BCR	Breach two splash dams	NA	NA – Activity not prohibited by the Rule

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2/12/14	Payette	Idaho Power Company Big Bar-Silver Mine 12kV	Hells Canyon and Seven Devils Scenic/Primitive	New special use permit to continue operation and maintenance of a 12kV buried distribution line. No road construction, no ground disturbance.	2	NA – Activity not prohibited by the Rule
2/3/14	Idaho Panhandle	Idaho Buckhorn Burning	Buckhorn Ridge/BCR	Rx burning to improve wildlife habitat, restore WBP, and reduce natural fuel accumulations. Some tree cutting may occur for safety purposes.	2,130	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
12/18/13	Idaho Panhandle	Expedition Idaho Marathon	Grandmother Mountain, Pinchot Butte, Mallard-Larkins, Sheep Mountain – State Line, Midget Peak, and Big Creek	Issue a special-use permit to Expedition Idaho for a multiday adventure race proposed for five days in August 2013.		N/A
12/17/13	Payette	Bear Pete Trail Reroute	French Creek/BCR	Rerouting and reconstructing sections of a motorized trail to mitigate ongoing resource damage. Some tree may be cut if unavoidable.	2.5	294.24(a)(2) 294.26(a)
12/2/13	Boise	Big Creek White Bark Pine Enhancement	Stony Meadows and Needles/Primitive and BCR	Fell competing conifers within 5-20 feet of live whitebark pine trees.	1,200	294.24(b)(1)(i)&(ii) 294.24(b)(2)(i)&(iii)&(iv) 294.24(c)(1)(iii)&v 294.24(c)(2)(i)&(ii)&(iii)
9/6/13	Sawtooth	Salmon River Headwater Road 215	Smoky Mts./FPSA	Relocate trailhead and motorized trail for purposes of river restoration and to mitigate ongoing resource damage.	NA	294.28(f)
7/18/13	Idaho Panhandle	Dunn Peak Communications Building	Storm Mountain	Two pre-fabricated communication buildings would be installed on sites currently occupied by existing structures.		N/A

NEPA Decision	National Forest	Project Name	Roadless Area/Theme	Activity	Acres	Exception Applied
7/18/13	Idaho Panhandle	Electra Crash Site	Big Creek	Issue an ARPA permit to TIGHAR to conduct an archaeological field school on the 1936 crash site of the Lockheed Electra 10A.		N/A
7/15/13	Sawtooth	Deer Creek	Buttercup Mountain/Primitive	Rx burn Handline construction Thinning for wildlife habitat/Douglass-fir stand restoration and WBP restoration Trail realignment and heavy maintenance Trailhead rehabilitation	5,150 1.2 125 3.5 miles NA	294.24(b)(1)(i)(ii)
6/11/13	Nez Perce Clearwater (Two decisions)	Roadside Hazard Tree Removal	Little Slate Creek North, North Fork Spruce-White Sands, Dixie Summit-Nut Hill, and Gospel Hump/BCR and FPSA	Felling, removing, and selling dead and dying trees impacted by 2012 wildfires.	272	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
5/13/13	Payette	Twentymile Trail Relocation	Secesh/WLR	Relocation of trail to mitigate erosion concerns for soil and water quality	2	294.24(a)(2) 294.26(a)
4/15/13	Boise	Idaho Power Line #328	Meadow Cr, Caton Lake, Reeves Cr./BCR & GRFG	0.12 miles of existing unauthorized road and 0.2 miles in GFRG added to transportation system.	NA	294.23(f)
2/28/13	Boise	Stolle Priority Watershed Reforestation	Peace Rock/BCR & FPSA	Plant conifers and fell trees for helispots	6,500	294.24(c)(1)(vii)
2/21/13	Idaho Panhandle	Rugg Drop Camp	Meadow Creek – Upper North Fork	Permit an outfitter to use a drop camp along the St. Joe Lake Trail 49 for 7-10 days.		N/A
8/30/12	Boise	Snowmobile Tr. Grooming in Valley, Gem, & Boise Counties	Poison Creek/BCR	Fell 10-12 trees along 0.65 miles of trail	NA	294.24(c)(1)(vii)

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8/20/12	Payette	Chelsia Lode Exploration	Cottontail Point and Pilot Peak/Primitive and BCR	Excavate up to 25 sample pits that are 4' x 20' x 5' deep. Remove 1 ft ³ sample, then backfill.	57	294.25(b)
7/12/12	Sawtooth	Liberal Willow	Blackhorse Creek, Liberal Mt., Buttercup Mt./Primitive & GFRG	Reduce fuels/restore ecosystems 1. Thinning 2. Burning	1,160 5,090	294.24(b)(1)(ii) and (d)
6/22/12	Sawtooth	Raymond Mine	Smokey Mts./BCR	Reopen two collapsed audits and a collapsed shaft. Underground mining.	5	294.25(b)
5/30/12	Caribou-Targhee	Whitebark Pine Protection	Mt. Jefferson/Primitive	Restore whitebark pine – lop and scatter	180	294.24(b)(1)(i)(ii)
3/7/12	Boise	Oro Mountain	Stony Meadows/Primitive & BCR	Restore whitebark pine – lop and scatter	1,510	294.24(b)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(iii)
2/14/12	Nez Perce	Selway-Winter Range	Rackliff Gedney/BCR	Restore shrub fields – slash	3,000	NA
7/27/11	Nez Perce	Nut Basin	Little State Creek/BCR	Restore whitebark pine – lop and scatter; Rx burn	480	294.24(c)(1)(iv)
6/24/11	Sawtooth	Free Gold	Lime Creek/Primitive	Reduce fuels/restore ecosystems 1. Thinning 2. Burning	58 173	294.24(b)(1)(ii)(iii)
6/10/11	Boise	Cache Creek	Red Mountain/BCR	Restore whitebark pine – slash; pile burn	164	294.24(c)(1)(iv)
12/21/09	Salmon Challis	Slide Hunter	Boulder White Cloud/BCR	Restore aspen – slash and burn	1,275	294.24(c)(1)(iv)

Table 2. Proposals – Scoping started

Project Name	Roadless Area/Theme	Activity	Acres	Road Const. (Miles)	Exception Applied	Status
Boise National Forest						
Bald Mt Repeater Site	Smoky Mt/Primitive	Set a shelter in place with attached antenna mast. No excavation and no foundation poured. The shelter will be flown in and set in place. Some tree cutting at helicopter landing site.	6'x6'x8' LxWxH	NA	294.24(b)((1)(v)	Scoping 5/15 DM 9/15
Swanholm Repeater Site	Ten Mile/Black Warrior/WLR	Set a shelter in place with attached antenna mast. No excavation and no foundation poured. The shelter will be flown in and set in place. No tree cutting. May use existing FS road 229LO.	6'x6'x8' LxWxH	NA	294.26(c)	Scoping 5/15 DM 9/15
Carlin Minerals Exploration	Grimes Pass/GFRG	Explore for locatable minerals using ¼ mile of existing unauthorized route, which will receive road maintenance. No tree cutting. Removal of 30-40 tons of mineral material	<1	NA	294.25(b) 294.23(d)(2) 294.23(e)	Scoping 5/15 DM 8/15
Boise River Feasibility Study	Cow Creek, Mt Heinen, Danskin/ Primitive and FPSA	Potential to raise Arrowrock Dam 72 feet. Final scale and scope unknown at this time. Could inundate Middle Fork Boise River Road, requiring relocation of the road.	Unknown	Unknown	294.23(a) 294.24(b)(1)(v) 294.27(b)	Draft feasibility study/fall 2015 Final feasibility study/winter 2016/17 ROD/spring 2017
Caribou-Targhee National Forest						
Dairy Syncline	Huckleberry Basin/GFRG	Mine, reclamation plan, and land exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road construction ▪ Surface occupancy ▪ Land exchange 	1,798 640	0.5	294.25(e)(1) 294.25(e)(1) 294.27(b)	Scoped 04/10 DEIS 12/15 FEIS 11/16 ROD 02/17
Husky 1 – North Dry Ridge Mine	Schmid Peak/BCR and FPSA	Administrative correction – minor mapping errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0.71 acres GFRG to FPSA ▪ 2.6 acres BCR to FPSA 	NA	NA	294.27(a)	On Hold
Bilk Creek Placer Mining	Caribou City/ Special Area	Small placer mining operation using mechanized equipment including mini-excavators, skid steers, and ATVs.	15	NA	294.24(b)(1)(v) 294.25(b)	On Hold

Project Name	Roadless Area/Theme	Activity	Acres	Road Const. (Miles)	Exception Applied	Status
Rainey Creek Vegetation Restoration	Palisades/BCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed burning Hand Thinning 50 foot boundary buffer Juniper/Mt Mahogany slashing Aspen Regeneration Slashing 	2,104 18 408 435	0	294.24(c)(1)(vii) 294.24(c)(1)(i) 294.24(c)(1)(iv)	Reconsidering proposed action based on public comment
Idaho Panhandle National Forest						
Deer Creek Project	Buckhorn Ridge/BCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed burning Non-motorized reconstruction/maintenance 	541 10	0	294.24(c)(1)(vii)	Scoped 1/2015 EA 8/2015 Decision 5/16
Treasured Landscapes Rx Burning and WBP Restoration	Beetop/BCR Scotchman Peaks/WLR, BCR, and FPSA Trestle Peak/BCR Mt Willard-Lake Estelle/BCR and FPSA	Prescribed fire to reduce fuel accumulations. Weed and release treatments w/ slash pull back around individual whitebark pine.	3,107	0	294.24(c)(1)(vii)	Decision Summer 2015
Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest						
Orogrande Community Protection Project (Orogrande Fuels)	West Fork Crooked River/BCR	Reduce hazardous fuels: Temporary Roads (CPZ) Fuel break (CPZ) Shelterwood (CPZ)	18 252	2.05	294.23(b)(2) 294.24(c)(1)(i) 294.24(c)(1)(i)	Scoped: 09/11 Objection 7/15 Decision 12/15
Clear Creek Integrated Restoration	Clear Creek/BCR	Rx burn with some hand-constructed fireline within CPZ. Timeline has been delayed due to fisheries consultation.	1,371	0	294.24(c)(1)(vii)	Scoped 01/12 Objection 4/15 Decision 9/15
Lolo Insect and Disease	Eldorado Cr/BCR	Commercial timber harvest to maintain and restore ecosystem composition and function. Timeline has been delayed due to additional fisheries consultation needed for Clear Creek Integrated Restoration.	340	0	294.24(c)(1)(iii-v)	Scope 04/13 DEIS early 2016

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Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Revision	Forestwide	The 1987 Forest Plans for each Forest are being revised and combined into one Forest Plan for the combined Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.		0	NA – activity not prohibited by the ID Roadless Rule	DEIS 12/15 Comment period 04/16 FEIS 08/16 Object. 11/16 ROD/Revised Plan 04/2017
Lowell WUI	Rackliff-Gedney/BCR and FPSA	Harvest timber around the community of Lowell to reduce hazardous fuel conditions	150	½	294.23(b)(2) 294.24(c)(1)(i)	Scoped 2014 Rescoping to comply with Farm Bill Landscape expansion approved
Road #111	North Fork of Spruce/White Sands/WLR, Primitive, and BCR	Decommission 5.45 miles of road	0	0	NA – activity not prohibited by the ID Roadless Rule	Project has been dropped and will be removed from the table next iteration.
Clarke Mt OHV Trail	Siwash/BCR	Trail Relocation, armoring, and decommissioning of old trail. Cutting approximately 6 12-inch trees.	≈ 0.21	0	294.26(a) 294.26(c)	Scoped 12/14 DM 07/15
Payette National Forest						
7 Devils Lodge O/G SUP Reissue	Hells Canyon-7 Devils Scenic/Prim, Rapid River/WLR & FPSA, Cuddy Mountain/Primitive	Reissue SUP to 7 Devils Lodge for outfitting and guiding winter snowmobiling and non-motorized activities in the summer.				Scoped 03/15 Decision 8/15
Golden Meadows Exploration	Sugar Mt./BCR	Exploration drilling (10 holes) using a heli-portable tracked LF-70 core rig or equivalent. General Mining Law of 1872. Decision in 2013, litigated, decision withdrawn. Will likely supplement the EA	0.13	0	294.25(b)	Comment Period 12/14 Obj. 8/15 Decision 11/15

Project Name	Roadless Area/Theme	Activity	Acres	Road Const. (Miles)	Exception Applied	Status
Big Creek Recreation and Access Management and Big Creek Road Plan of Operation	Smith Cr, Secesh, Placer Cr, Cottontail Point, Pilot Peak, and big Cr Fringe/BCR and Primitive	Travel Management	NA	NA	294.26(a)	Obj. 01/2016 Decision 04/16
Snowmobile Outfitter & Guide Tours SUP	Numerous	Authorize outfitting and guiding snowmobile tours utilizing existing open groomed snowmobile trails, as well as areas open to over-snow use for off trail riding.	NA	NA	294.26	Scope 1/2015 Draft EA 7/15 Decision 9/15
Middle Fork Weiser River Landscape Restoration Project	Council Mountain/ Primitive Poison Creek/BCR (No Activities Proposed)	Sign and designate the #202 trail as open for non-motorized use. Complete needed switchback construction to mediate the steep sections. Trail is 0.8 miles in length. Re-route portions of the #198 trail near the base of Council Mountain to reduce resource impacts and improve sustainability. Reduce congestion of multiple trail junctions in this sensitive upper elevation trail network. To accommodate continued two-wheel motorized access on the entire #198 trail, change the designation of a 2-mile segment from non-motorized to two-wheel motorized use. Unauthorized route decommissioning – full obliteration, 9 segments, 0.8 miles. Trail Maintenance – 15 miles.		0	294.24(b)(1)(v) 294.26(a)	Scoping 12/14 DEIS 10/15
Range Fence Improvement	French Cr/Patrick Butte/BCR and Primitive	Two range improvement projects: 1. Installing and rebuilding fence 2. Replacing gate and cattle guard	NA	NA	294.26(b)	Decision 6/15

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Brundage Mt SUP Reissuance	French Cr/ Primitive Patrick Butte/FPSA and Primitive	To authorize Brundage Mountain Resort a special use authorization for outfitting and guiding with permitted activities that includes guided backcountry skiing via snowcat on approved routes.	NA	NA	294.26	Scope 2/2015 Draft EA 10/15 Obj. 12/15 Decision 03/16
Salmon-Challis National Forest						
Thompson Creek Mine Land Exchange	Squaw Creek/BCR	Thompson Creek Mining Company (TCMC) proposes to exchange four parcels of private lands (non-Federal land) totaling approximately 526.17 acres within the Salmon-Challis National Forest (S-CNF) and the Sawtooth National Forest for approximately 2845.66 acres of National Forest System (NFS) land.	590	NA	NA – activity not prohibited by the ID Roadless Rule	On Hold
Ramey Creek Vegetation Improvement Project	Copper Basin/BCR	Mechanical and non-mechanical treatment. Prescribed burning	619	NA	294.24(c)(1)(iv) 294.24(c)(1)(v) 294.26(a) 294.26(c) 294.27(a)	Scoping not started yet
Mammoth Canyon Road Reclamation	White Knob/BCR	Decommission 21 unauthorized routes (U-routes, also called unclassified, undetermined, and user-created) and 5 closed system routes in the Alder Creek drainage.		NA	294.26(a)	Scoping: 5/15 Decision: 2016
Sawtooth National Forest						
BSM Barite Exploration Drilling	Pioneer Mountains/GFRG	Evaluate a plan of operations under 36 CFR 228 Subpart A for locatable minerals exploration with associated surface disturbing activities.	5	1.25	294.25(b) 294.25(e)(3) 294.25(e)(4)	On Hold

Table 3. Completed Corrections and Modifications

Forest	Project	Description	Acreage Changes		Finalized
Payette	Big Creek Fuels Reduction	<p>Maps mistakenly identified a Forest Plan Special Area, a Wild & Scenic (WSR) along a corridor of Big Creek.</p> <p>Maps did not identify an existing FPSA for the WSR corridor along Lake Creek in the French Creek IRA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Creek Fringe IRA – 365 ac of FPSA changed to BCR and delete 3 ac of private; reducing size of IRA by 3 ac. Placer Creek IRA – 98 ac of FPSA changed to BCR & 14 ac of FPSA changed to Primitive Secesh IRA – 1,086 ac of FPSA changed to BCR Smith Creek IRA – 14 ac of FPSA changed to Primitive French Creek IRA – 1,000 ac of BCR changed to FPSA 	294.27(a)	March 2011 (76 FR 17341)
Idaho Panhandle	Land Acquisition	<p>Lands were acquired in 2008, after the Rule was promulgated that were within or adjacent to five IRAs (Big Creek, Grandmother Mountain, Pinchot Butte, Roland Point, and Wonderful Peak).</p> <p>In addition, two errors were found concerning Forest Plan Special Areas that were not consistent with the Idaho Panhandle National Forest Plan.</p>	<p>These IRAs were <u>modified</u> due to acquired lands and have been classified as BCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Creek IRA – Add two parcels for an additional 158 acres Grandmother Mountain IRA – Add five parcels for an additional 1,107 acres Pinchot Butte IRA – Add one parcel for an additional 80 acres Roland Point IRA – Add one parcel for an additional 60 acres Wonderful Point – Add one parcel for an additional 59 acres <p>These IRAs were <u>corrected</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salmo-Priest IRA – Changed 65 acres of FPSA to WLR to reflect correct width of the eligible WSR corridor Upper Priest IRA – Changed 112 acres from BCR to FPSA, reflecting the correct width of the eligible WSR corridor Buckhorn Ridge IRA has been added to the Kootenai NF on the list at 294.29. This IRA is split between the Kootenai and the IPNF and was inadvertently left off the list for the Kootenai. 	294.27(a) 294.27(b)	June 2014 (79 FR 13627)

Table 4. Ongoing Corrections and Modifications

Forest	Project	Description	Proposed Acreage Changes	Status
Caribou-Targhee	Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation	Propose to move the existing trailhead, which is within the West Mink IRA (BCR), to decrease sediment delivery to the stream, improve public access and safety, and reduce conflict with adjacent private lands.	The area of the new trailhead (11.4 acres) would be removed as roadless while 18.8 acres would be added from a cherry stem road (17 acres) and a West Fork boundary piece (1.8 acres) for a net gain of 7.4 acres.	Proposed Rule published in Federal Register July 8, 2015. 45-day comment period ends Aug 24. Objection period for EA ended July 20, 2015.