

# Nez Perce National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

## Amendment No. 9

This site-specific amendment to the Nez Perce National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan will allow clearcutting and sanitation/salvage harvesting within Management Areas 12 and 17. This change will not alter the long-term goals and objectives of the standards involved.

Forest Plan Management Area 17 consists primarily of forested lands that have a high to medium degree of visual sensitivity and are managed for timber production within constraints imposed by visual quality objectives of retention or partial retention. Forest Plan standards allow clearcutting in Management Area 17, but the Plan does not schedule it in the first two decades of implementation (Forest Plan, Chapter III, pp. 49-51).

Forest Plan Management Area 12 consists primarily of forested lands managed for timber production and other multiple uses on a sustained-yield basis. The Forest Plan Schedule of Management Practices for Management Area 12 and for Management Area 17 described above list sanitation/salvage as a harvest method, but the Plan does not assign a harvest volume and a harvest acreage to it during the first two decades of implementation in either management area (Forest Plan, Chapter III, p. 39).

Interdisciplinary analysis of the proposed Mallard timber sales showed that clearcutting up to 99 acres in Management Area 17 would best serve Forest Plan timber management objectives while simultaneously meeting a visual quality objective of partial retention. This analysis also showed that the sanitation/salvage harvest method applied on up to 11 acres in Management Area 17 and up to 39 acres in Management Area 12 would best modify these stands to meet objectives (Mallard Timber Sales Environmental Impact Statement, Chapter Four, Section 1-2).

Forest Plan amendments must comply with National Environmental Policy Act procedures. The rationale for this amendment is contained in the Mallard Environmental Impact Statement, and the amendment was circulated for public review with the draft EIS. Forest Supervisor approval is included in the Record of Decision on the Mallard Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**\*\*\*End of Amendment\*\*\***