



RAINEY CREEK VEGETATION RESTORATION PROJECT



May 21, 2013

**A. Goal of the Collaborative Process**

The goal of our meetings and field trip is to collaboratively develop a proposed action for the Rainey Creek Vegetation Restoration Project.

**B. Potential Vegetation Goals**

1. Restore vegetation conditions in Rocky Mountain juniper, mountain mahogany, Douglas fir and aspen communities.
2. Reduce fire hazard by decreasing fuel loadings along the Rainey Creek Road, and along the Forest Service boundary.
3. Support sustainable resource use by removing some Rocky Mountain juniper along the Rainey Creek Road and providing wood products to local community.

**C. Restrictions/regulations/sideboards that impact treatment design within the project area.**

1. Forest Plan Direction and Restrictions
  - No new construction of roads or trails on unstable or highly erosive soils.
  - Limit hydrologic disturbance to 30% within the Lower Rainey Creek Sub-Watershed – 11.2% currently disturbed, 18.8% remains (3,175 acres).
2. Roadless
  - No removal of timber off-site is permitted within the Backcountry/Restoration management theme. Mechanical slashing in preparation for a prescribed fire may be permitted.
3. Sideboards
  - Provide a mosaic treatment to serve as a filter buffer to the watershed, to allow for vegetative stand and age class diversity, and to maintain some juniper for aesthetics and barriers to dispersed camping along Rainey Creek.

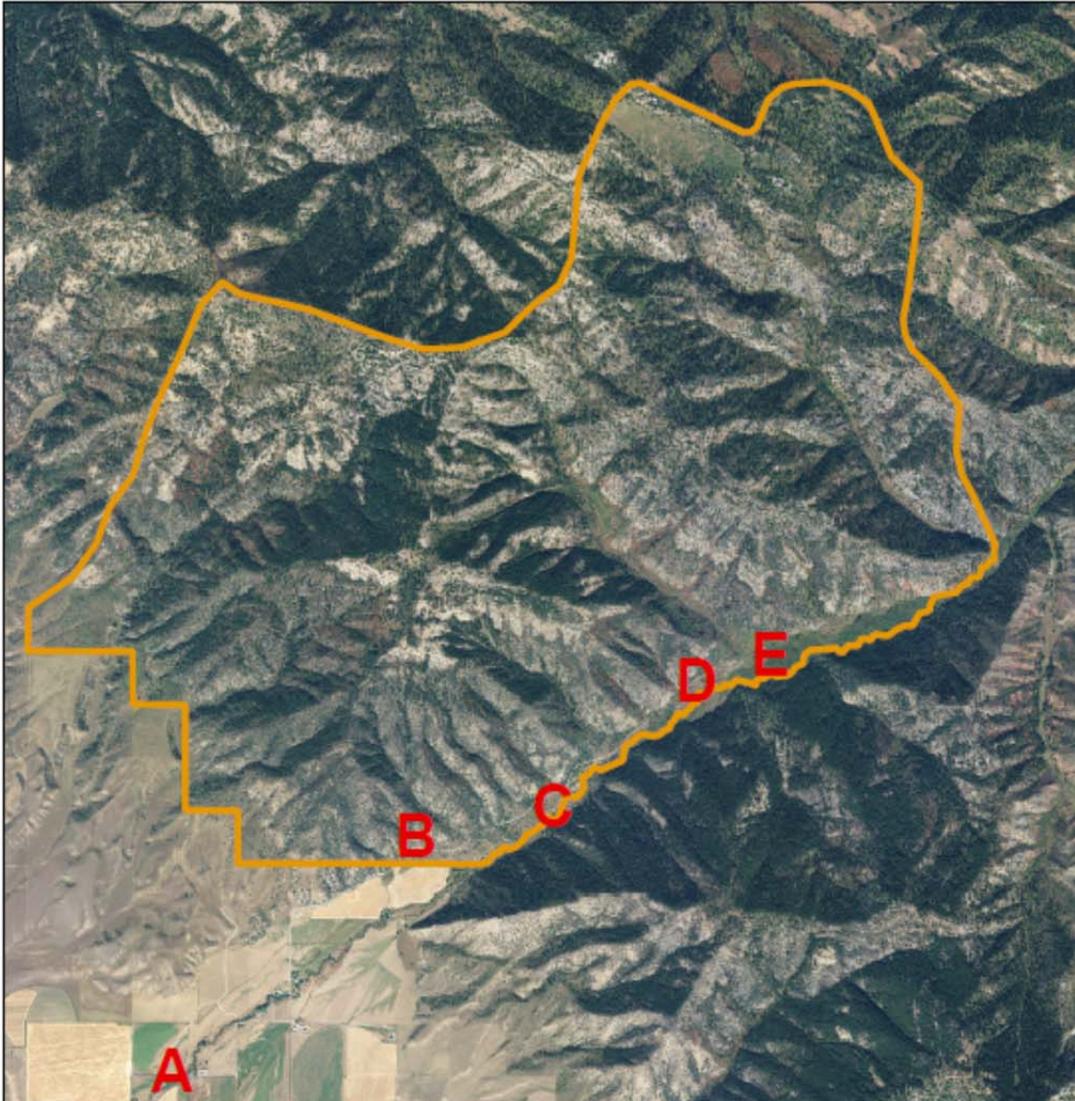
**D. Tentative Meeting Date** – May 29, 2013, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Swan Valley American Legion.

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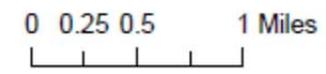
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## Field Trip Stops

- A** Rainey Creek Big Picture
- B** USFS/Private Property Boundary - WUI & Terminal Winter Range
- C** Dispersed Camping & AIZ
- D** Aspen, Fire & Treatment Types
- E** ATV Use & Conifer Encroachment

 Proposed Rainey Creek Project Area



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