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Dear Friends of the Fremont-Winema,

In June you received a letter about the Wooley Creek Headcut Repair and Meadow Restoration Project (Wooley Creek Project) informing you of plans to implement this project as authorized through the 2012 Fremont-Winema National Forest Programmatic Restoration Project Decision Notice (Programmatic DN). At that time you were asked to provide input on the proposed project. This letter is to inform you of my review of input provided and planned implementation of this project.

During the 15-day comment period a total of 6 comments were received. Concerns raised were used to adjust the proposed actions. We did not receive any comments that would push this project into its own National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

This project is to improve conditions within the Wooley Creek/Frontal Summer Lake 6th field watershed; and would focus on restoration of Wooley Creek. This project would involve fixing 4 headcuts by raising streambed elevation with the addition of wood, rock, and soil; and reshaping the stream channel and floodplain to match natural conditions upstream and downstream of the headcut, allowing the stream channel access to the floodplain. Rock or soil fill material used to raise the stream channel to flood plan levels would come from closed Forest roads. In conjunction with headcut repairs, an undersized culvert on Forest Road 3360-024 was proposed for removal and replaced with a rock ford. For a full project description please visit the web site at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/fremont-winema/wooleycreekheadcut/>.

Upon review of the Wooley Creek Project and public comments received during the development of this project, I am authorizing implementation of the project with the adjustments stated below. I feel confident this project has been developed under the guidance of a full interdisciplinary team (silviculturist, wildlife biologist, botanist, archeologist, fishers, hydrology, and recreation). The project is also supported by the Lakeview Stewardship Group, who approved it as one of multiple stream and watershed restoration projects that are part of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. In 2007, when the proposed actions were first developed and analyzed under the Launch Integrated Fuels and Vegetation Management Environmental Assessment (EA) Project, consultation with The Klamath Tribes occurred. This furthers my confidence that the project has had an in-depth review of the affected environment and any environmental impacts that may occur. This, with the information covered under the Programmatic DN, lead me to believe that this project will benefit the Wooley Creek/Frontal Summer Lake 6th field watershed.

Some of the actions proposed under the Wooley Creek Project have been adjusted based on comments received. Specifically, we will not use Forest roads 3360-368 or 3360-371 as a source for fill material in the steam channel repairs. Also, concerns were raised over the installation of a rock ford to replace the undersized culvert. At this time the culvert will not be replaced.

This project will be monitored through photo plots and will follow all best management practices. This project will also utilize the 2005, Record of Decision for the Pacific Northwest

Region Invasive Plant Program Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants EIS for recommendations to limit the potential to spread undesirable plant species.

Additional information may be obtained from Vince Pacific, 541-947-6346 or by visiting the project's web site.

Thank you for your interest in the project and for providing insightful comments, with collaboration like this I am confident we can do great things on our beloved Fremont-Winema National Forest.

Sincerely,



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