

**File Code:** 3400; 2400**Date:** APR 11 2018**Route To:****Subject:** Rocky Mountain Region Farm Bill Insect & Disease Treatment Area Designation**To:** Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region

Thank you for your letter of January 17, 2018, requesting designation of additional landscape-scale areas on the Shoshone National Forest to address insect or disease threats under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a), as amended by section 8204 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

I have determined the areas you requested to be designated under Section 602 meet the following criteria in Section 602:

- The area is experiencing decline of forest health based on annual forest health surveys;
- The area is at risk of substantial tree mortality over the next 15 years based on the National Insect and Disease Risk Map; or
- The area is one in which hazard trees pose imminent risk to public infrastructure, health, or safety.

Based on this determination, I hereby designate each of the 167 watersheds you requested, excluding Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas, as a landscape-scale insect and disease area under Section 602(d) on Shoshone National Forest. Note the difference between your request (2,274,654 acres) and approved designations (599,525 acres) results from removing Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas (1,310,773 acres), removing previously designated areas (337,170 acres), and adjusting your request to National Forest System Proclaimed Land areas and removing non-Forest Service inholdings. A map showing designated areas is enclosed. This letter of designation, along with the map showing designated areas as well as other documents pertaining to your request will be posted at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/farbill/>.

Designation under Section 602 will allow us to further evaluate these landscape areas for potential treatments to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation in accordance with Section 602(d).

Again, thank you for your request to designate landscape areas that are experiencing declining forest health in your region. If you have any questions about the designation, please contact Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, at (202) 205-1523 or cfrench@fs.fed.us.

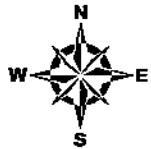
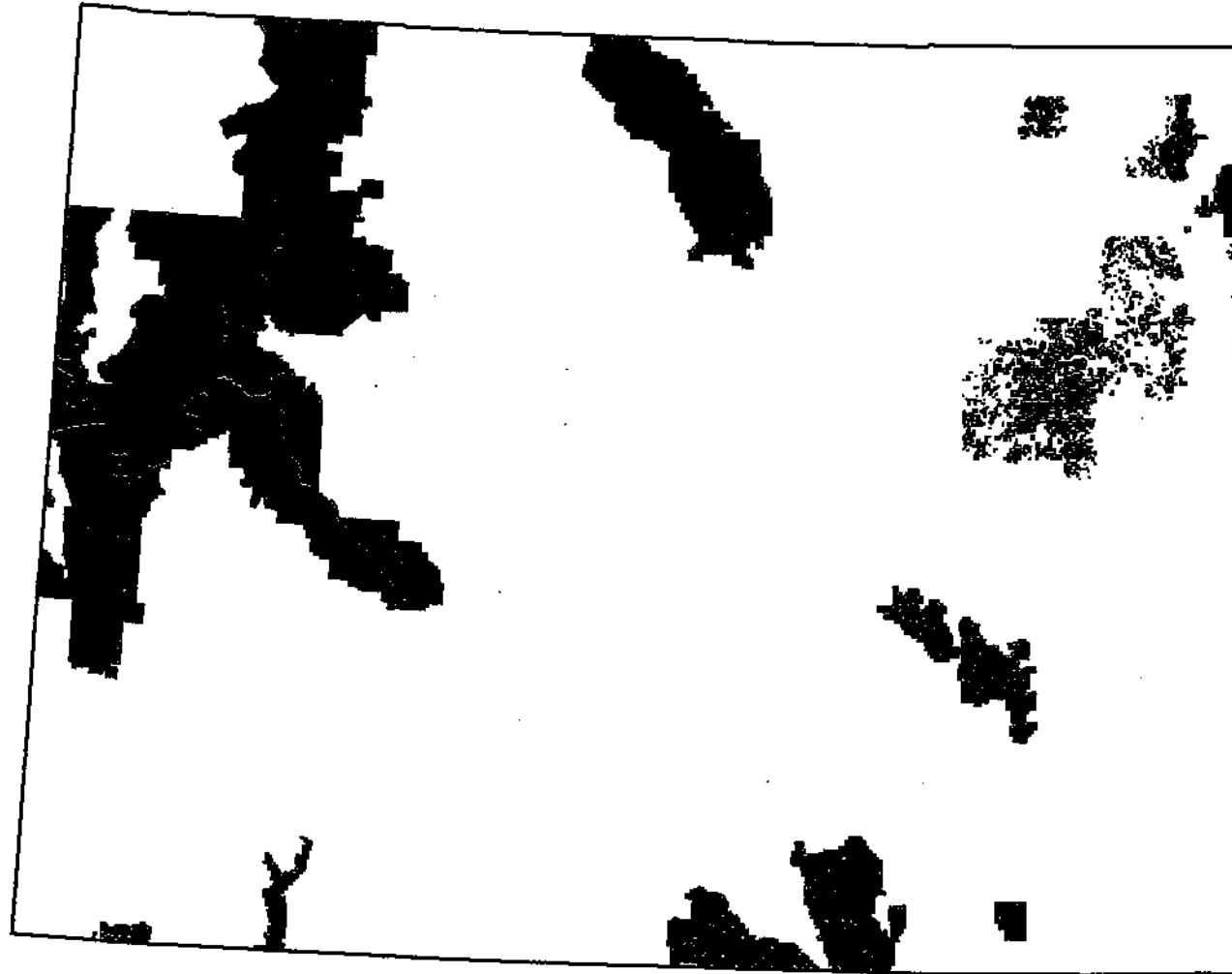

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Enclosures (2)








National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in Wyoming



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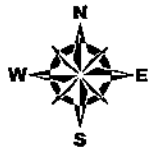
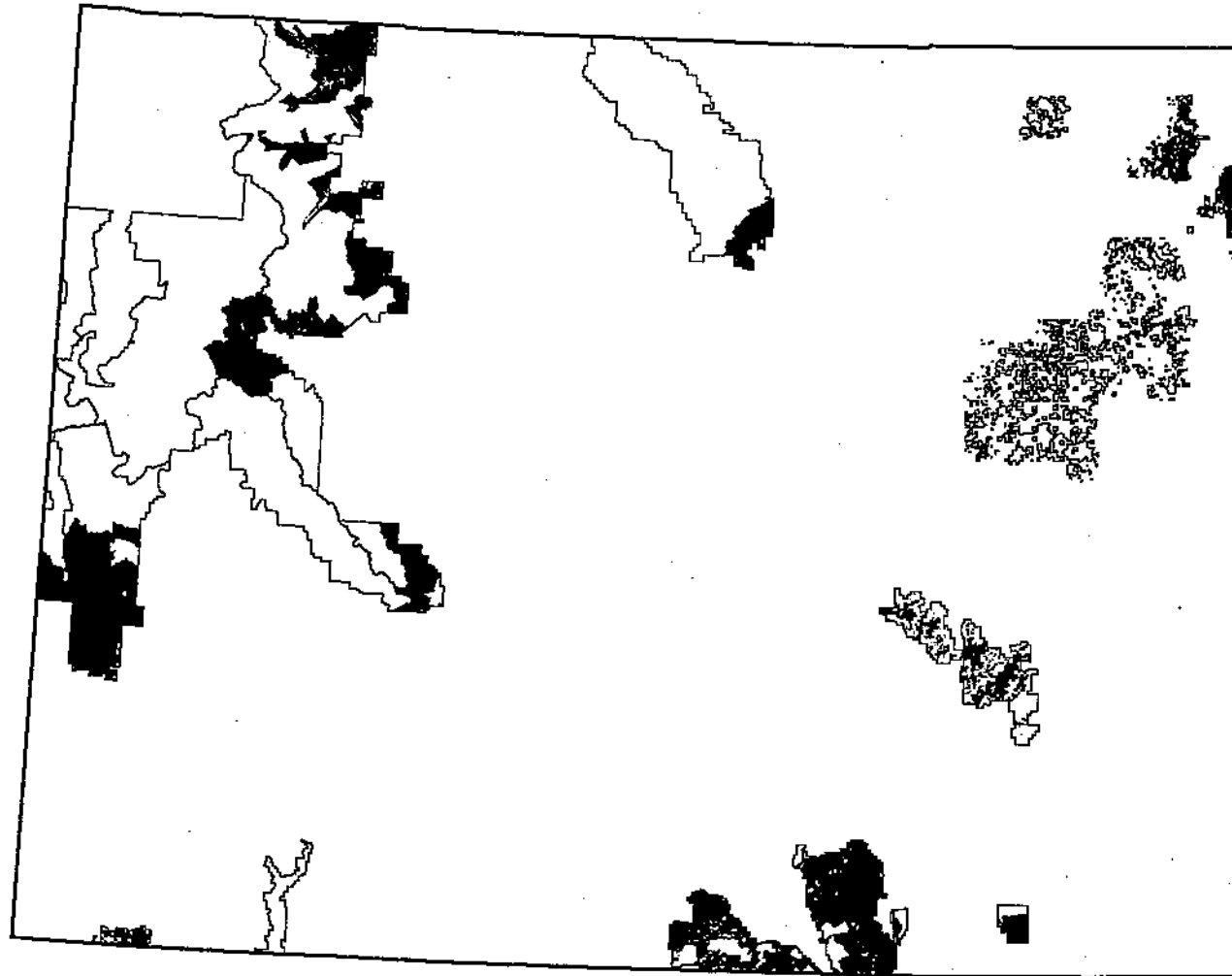
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-  Lands Within the National Forest Boundary





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