

**Notice of Decision**  
**Forest Plan Amendment for the Wildlife Conservation Strategy;**  
**Phase 1: Forested Biological Community**  
**U.S. Forest Service - Sawtooth National Forest**  
**Cassia, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Custer, Elmore, Oneida and Power Counties, Idaho**  
**and Box Elder County, Utah**

As the Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Rebecca S. Nourse, signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on June 18, 2012, approving the Phase 1: Forested Biological Community, Sawtooth National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) Amendment for the Wildlife Conservation Strategy (WCS). The selected alternative amends the 2003 Forest Plan by modifying, deleting, and adding management direction in response to new information and/or changed conditions concerning wildlife habitat through development of a WCS for forested biological communities. These changes in direction constitute a non-significant amendment to the Forest Plan. Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/FONSI are available at Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office, (208-737-3200), 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, ID 83701.

**Decision Subject to Appeal**

This decision is subject to the optional appeal procedures available during the planning rule transition period pursuant to 36 CFR 219.35(b) provisions of the 2000 planning rule (65 FR 67514) and 2001 interpretative rule (66 FR 1864). Consistent with Section 8(2) of these procedures, a written notice of appeal, including attachments, must be filed with the Intermountain Regional Forester within 45 days from the publication date of this notice in the *Times-News*, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the *Times-News*, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Appeals must be sent to: Regional Forester of the Intermountain Region; USDA Forest Service; 324 25th Street; Ogden, UT 84401. The Notice of Appeal may alternatively be faxed to: USDA, Forest Service, (801) 625-5277, ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer; mailed electronically in a format (pdf, txt, rft, or document compatible with Microsoft Office applications) to: [appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us); or hand delivered between the hours of between 8:00 am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday except legal holidays at Federal Building, 324 – 25th St., Ogden. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

A copy of the appeal must simultaneously be sent to the deciding officer: Forest Supervisor, Sawtooth National Forest; USDA - Forest Service; 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, ID 83701.

Any notice of appeal must be fully consistent with Section 9 of the optional appeal procedures available during the planning rule transition period pursuant to 36 CFR 219.35(b) provisions of the 2000 planning rule (65 FR 67514) and 2001 interpretative rule (66 FR 1864).

**Implementation of Decision**

Implementation of this decision may occur 7 calendar days after publication of this Legal Notice of the Decision Notice and Finding of No-Significant of this notice in the *Times-News*<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The implementation timeframe is found in Section 10 of the optional appeal procedures available during the planning rule transition period pursuant to 36 CFR 219.35(b) provisions of the 2000 planning rule (65 FR 67514) and 2001 interpretative rule (66 FR 1864).