

USDA Forest Service
Bridger-Teton National Forest
Lincoln, Sublette and Lincoln Counties, Wyoming
Opportunity to Object
Invasive Plant Management Project

The Bridger-Teton National Forest has completed the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and the draft record of decision (ROD) for the Invasive Plant Management Project. The selected alternative in the draft ROD would authorize Alternative 2, which allows for ground and aerial application of herbicides to treat invasive plant species. Questions about this project can be addressed to Chad Hayward, Natural Resource Specialist, P.O. Box 218, Big Piney Ranger District, Wyoming, 83113, chad.hayward@usda.gov or (307) 276-3375. The Responsible Official who will issue a final decision on this project is Patricia O'Connor, Forest Supervisor. The FEIS, draft ROD, and additional information are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52791>.

This action is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. A final decision will not be made until after the objection process.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific, written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities for comment; this connection to previous comments must be demonstrated in the objection.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in § 218.8(d) include:

- Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district where project is located, and
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection.

- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunities for comment.

Filing an Objection

The reviewing officer is Nora Rasure, Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, Forest Service. Written objections, including any attachments, must be submitted via regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery to: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, ATTN: Objection Reviewing Officer, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401; or by fax to 801-625-5277 or by email to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@usda.gov within 45 days following publication of the legal notice in the Casper Star-Tribune, the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand delivered objections are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx). It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§ 218.9).

The publication date in the Casper Star-Tribune, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection to this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

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