

File Code: 1950
Date: October 21, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest,

I have issued a decision notice (DN) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Brebner Flat Project. I decided to implement the proposed action, as described in the Brebner Flat Environmental Assessment (EA).

I want to express my gratitude for the time and effort that many of you spent helping us get to this point. Your input has been useful for my decision.

The Brebner Flat Project consists of a variety of forest resource management and restoration activities on National Forest System lands south of Avery, Idaho. The project area boundary encompasses approximately 11,779 acres within the St. Joe Ranger District in T44-45N, R5-6E, Boise Meridian.

The selected alternative includes vegetation and road management activities. Vegetation management activities include approximately 1,719 acres of timber harvest with slash treatments, tree planting and may include pocket gopher control. Road management activities include constructing 2 miles of system roads and 4 miles of temporary roads, reconstructing 3 miles of existing roads, decommissioning and storing 12 miles of roads or road segments, and installing gates on selected roads.

The draft decision was subject to the Pre-decisional Administrative Review (Objection) Process under 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. This decision notice was finalized after review of objections by the objection reviewing officer. The project may be implemented immediately.

The decision notice, related documents, and maps are available on the internet at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53048>, or at the St. Maries office of the St. Joe Ranger District. For more information or to obtain copies of documents please contact Beth Reinhart at the St. Joe Ranger District, 222 S. 7th Street, Suite 1, St. Maries, ID 83861; (208) 245-2531; or mary.reinhart@usda.gov

Sincerely,



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