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**Subject:** Authorization to Exceed 40 Acre Opening Size Limitation on the Brebner Flat Project, Idaho Panhandle National Forests

**To:** Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Your request to create an opening larger than 40 acres on the Brebner Flat project is approved based on the analysis completed for the Brebner Flat project environmental analysis.

The approved design includes:

- Opening 1 Units 19b\_2, 19b\_3, 19c, 22a, 22b, 29a\_1, 29b\_7, 34a, 34b, 35a, 36a, 37b\_2, 41b
  - 635 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 2 Units 23a, 23b, 38c
  - 91 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 3 Unit 14b
  - 57 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 4 Units 30a, 30b\_1, 30b\_2
  - 46 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 5 Units 21a, 21b
  - 51 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 6 Units 20a, 20b\_1, 20b\_2
  - 42 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 7 Units 8a, 8b\_1, 8b\_2
  - 44 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 8 Units 13a, 13b\_1, 13b\_2, 13c
  - 333 acres of new harvest opening
- Opening 9 Units 29a\_3, 29b\_6, 29c
  - 44 acres of new harvest opening



Openings 10 through 28 are even-age regeneration harvests 40 acres or less and do not need Regional Forester approval. These openings are documented in this letter for reference as they are listed in the Forest's request to the Regional Forester to exceed the 40 acre opening size limit.

The actions and subsequent management strategy proposed for this unit falls under the requirement to limit opening size, as described by Section 6 of the National Forest Management Act. This act requires that cuts designed to regenerate an even-aged stand of timber be subject to established maximum size limits (16 USC 1604 (g) (3) (F) (iv).

You have complied with FSM 2471.1 for this request to exceed specified limits and are hereby approved to implement these treatments following the signature of the associated decision document for the Brebner Flat project.

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