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Subject: Dry Beard Project Opportunity to Comment
To: Interested Parties

The Detroit Ranger District has prepared the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Dry Beard Project, and it is now available for 30-day review and comment. The draft EA can be viewed on the Willamette National Forest web site at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/willamette/landmanagement/projects>.

You may also request a copy of the document by contacting the Ranger District at 503-854-4228.

The Dry Beard project area is approximately 10,697 acres, located in the Headwaters North Santiam Watershed and the Upper North Santiam Watershed, approximately 3 miles south of the town of Detroit Oregon in Linn County. The legal description of the area is T10S, R5E, Sections 11 - 15, 21, 22 - 27, 35, 36, T10S, R6E, Sections 7, 17 - 21 - 33. Willamette Meridian, Linn County, Detroit, Oregon.

The District is proposing to treat approximately 1,339 acres of stands under 80 years old in the project area. These treatments include variable thinning incorporating gaps and dominant tree release where appropriate, thinning in Riparian Reserves, and skips. Post-harvest fuels treatments include underburning and pile and burn treatments. The project proposes 2.6 miles of road decommissioning and 1.8 miles of road storage. The project also proposes replacement or repair of the Idanha Bridge, which leads into the project area.

I am inviting your review of this Environmental Assessment before we issue a Decision Notice based upon the analysis.

The Draft EA and other related documents are available on the Forest Service Website at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53556

Electronic, written, and oral comments will be accepted. Electronic comments will only be accepted through the Forest Service online comment system available at:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=53556>

Written comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official David Halemeier, Detroit Ranger District, at HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, Oregon, 97360. Comments hand delivered to the Detroit District Office will be accepted during normal business hours from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Comments (including attachments) must be postmarked or delivered within 30 days of the legal notice being published in the Statesman Journal, Salem, OR the official newspaper of record for Detroit Ranger District. The legal notice is expected to be published on August 26, 2019. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period and insure that their comments have been received. Only those who submit specific written comments that meet the requirements under Forest Service regulations 36 CFR 218 during the comment period designated by the responsible official will be eligible to participate in the administrative review (objection) process. Specific



written comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, but do not meet the requirements under 36 CFR 218 and will not be eligible for administrative review. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project, available for public inspection, and released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Lyn Medley, District Planner at (503) 854-4228 or visit the above EA project website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Halemeyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

DAVID HALEMEIER
District Ranger