



File Code: 1950 **Date:** January 18, 2020
Route To:
Subject: Dry Beard Project Draft DN and Final EA available
To: Interested Parties

The Dry Beard Draft Decision Notice and Final Environmental Assessment (EA) have been completed. This is a notice for the start of the Pre-Decisional Administrative Review (Objection) period.

The Dry Beard Project is proposing commercial thinning, road decommissioning and storage, and bridge repair or replacement. The planning area covers approximately 10,697 acres near the town of Idanha on the Detroit Ranger District, Willamette National Forest and the Headwaters North Santiam and the Upper North Santiam Watersheds.

Two alternatives were analyzed in the EA a no action alternative (1) and the proposed action alternative (2). The proposed action covers treatments for 1,338 acres and consist of: 1,078 acres of thinning and 260 acres of no harvest skips. This harvest would produce 24 million board feet of timber from managed stands aged 35-78 years old. Post-harvest fuels treatments would include pile and burn on approximately 503 acres and underburning on approximately 419 acres. Transportation related activities would include temporary road construction, road maintenance, road storage and road decommissioning. The Idanha bridge on FS road 10 will be repaired or replaced.

The project area occurs within portions T10S, R5E, Sections 11- 15, 21- 27, 35, 36, T10S, R6E, Sections 7, 17- 21, 28-33, Willamette Meridian, Linn County, Oregon.

The Draft Decision Notice, EA and other related documents are available on the Forest Service Website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53556>

The project is subject to pre-decisional administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subpart B. The 45-day objection period begins the day following publication of notice of objection in the Salem Statesman Journal, the newspaper of record. Only individuals or organizations who submitted specific written or oral comments (36 CFR 218.2) during the designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or 30-day comment period) may object (36 CFR 218.5). Objections must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 218.2.

Incorporation of documents by reference is not allowed, except for the following list of items that may be referenced by including date, page and section of the cited document, along with a description of its content and applicability to the objection: 1) all or any part of a federal law or regulation; 2) Forest Service directives and land management plans; 3) documents referenced by the Forest Service in the subject EA; or 4) comments previously provided to the Forest Service



by the objector during public involvement opportunities for the proposed project where written comments were requested by the Responsible Officials. All other documents must be included with the objection (36 CFR 218.8(b)). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with the requirement for objection issues 36 CFR 218.8(c). Minimum requirements of an objection are described at 218.8(d).

There are a few different ways to submit an objection to this proposed decision. The preferred method is for you to go to the following URL and submit it electronically:
<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=53556>

Objections can also be delivered to: Springfield Interagency Office at 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, Oregon between 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday except legal holidays; or mailed to: Tracy Beck, Forest Supervisor, Willamette National Forest, Attention: Objections, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, Oregon 97477. Objections delivered by mail must be received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period.

Objections must be received, or postmarked if mailed, by the Forest Supervisor, the Objection Reviewing Officer, within 45 days from the date of publication of notice of objection in the Salem Statesman Journal. The publication date in the Statesman Journal is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Attachments to the Objection received after the 45 day objection period will not be considered. Those wishing to object to this Draft Decision Notice should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

NOTICE: Documents associated with this project, including public comments, are part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process (40 CFR parts 1500-1509) and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. 552. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents of the eligibility to object.

If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Lyn Medley, District Planner at (503) 854-4228 or Dave Halemeier, District Ranger at (502)854-4200.



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