
File Code: 1950
Date: April 21, 2020

Dear Interested Party,

The Boise National Forest, Cascade Ranger District has completed the Environmental Assessment /Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) and the draft Decision Notice (DN) for the Lost Horse Project. The EA/FONSI and draft DN are available on the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56535>.

Forest Supervisor Tawnya Brummett is the Responsible Official for this project. The project area is located approximately 21 miles east and southeast of Cascade, in Valley County, Idaho.

The Forest Supervisor has selected to implement the Proposed Action as identified in the draft DN. The proposed action will conduct vegetation management treatments (commercial and noncommercial thinning, prescribed burning) and associated road management activities on approximately 10,681 acres. All treatments with commercial product removal will be followed by noncommercial tree thinning and activity fuel abatement treatments. Transportation management activities will include constructing approximately 18 miles of temporary roads that will be decommissioned after project activities and will not be added to the National Forest Transportation System. To facilitate commercial sawlog removal 66 miles of road maintenance activities will be conducted. In addition, 5.4 miles of National Forest System roads will be decommissioned. The Project will make no changes to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

Eligibility to File Objection

This project is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other 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 they are based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

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.

Content 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 identified at § 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;
- 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; and
- 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 Objection Reviewing Officer is the Intermountain (R4) Regional Forester. Written, facsimile, and electronic objections will be accepted. The responsible official is not accepting hand-delivered comments at this time as there are limited office functions as part of precautions in response to the coronavirus.

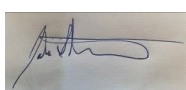
Send written objections, including any attachments, to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@usda.gov, within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. Email objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, portable document format (.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). Objections may also be submitted through a web form on the Lost Horse Project webpage (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56535>). To submit an objection using the web form, select “Comment/Object on Project” under “Get Connected” on the right panel of the project’s webpage.

Objections received in response to this request will be available for public inspection in the “Public Comment/Objection Reading Room” on the Project webpage. An objection, including attachments, must be filed with the appropriate reviewing officer within 45 days of the publication of this legal notice. The publication date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection to this project. The legal notice and project documents are available at [the link provided above](#).

Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Additional information about this project may be obtained from Jim Bishop, Team Leader, at james.bishop@usda.gov or by phone at 208-382-7442.

Sincerely,

 Recoverable Signature

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Signed by: 0aa1e4cb-6795-4088-9ab4-274f3fe46bbb

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