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Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Ochoco National Forest,

The Ochoco National Forest is proposing dry forest restoration on approximately 23,015 acres in the Mill Creek Dry Forest Restoration Project (Mill Creek) area by actively managing stands to restore stand composition, structure, and density; reducing activity generated fuels and naturally occurring fuels; and restoring streams, floodplains, and Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas (RHCAs). The project area is located on the Lookout Mountain Ranger District approximately 23 miles east of Prineville, Oregon, adjacent to the Mill Creek Wilderness. The project area is approximately 36,485 acres in size.

We welcome your thoughts and discussions about the Mill Creek project as your input is valued and important to a successful outcome. We are currently in the preliminary environmental analysis phase of the project. Comments are appreciated anytime, however, for input to be timely and considered in project design, comments should be received by January 30, 2021.

Included with this letter is an attachment that provides additional details about the project and details on how you can submit comments on the Mill Creek project. This information, as well as maps of the project area and proposed actions, are available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58081>. If you need additional information regarding the project, please contact Elysia Retzlaff, Environmental Coordinator at [elysia.retzlaff@usda.gov](mailto:elysia.retzlaff@usda.gov).

This letter also serves as an invitation to participate in the Forest's National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 process for the project. If you would like additional information about this process or would like to participate, please contact Anastasia Lugo-Mendez, Archeologist, at [anastasia.lugomendez@usda.gov](mailto:anastasia.lugomendez@usda.gov).

Thank you for your time and interest in our project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

