



File Code: 1950

Date: March 31, 2014

Dear Reviewer:

The Forest Service, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District has completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lost Creek-Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project. The Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom, has issued a draft Record of Decision (ROD) per 36 CFR 218 Subpart B.

The project encompasses approximately 80,000 on the New Meadows Ranger District, and is located approximately 10 miles north and west of New Meadows within the following townships: Township 22 N, Range 1 W Sections 25, 26; T 22 N, R 1 E Sections 30-32; T 21 N, R 1 W Sections 10-15, 21-28, 32-36; T 21 N, R 1 E Sections 4-9, 17-19; T 20 N, R 2 W Sections 13, 24, 25, 35, 36; T 20 N, R 1 W Sections 1-36; T 20 N, R 1 E Section 31; T 19 N, R 2 W Sections 1, 2, 10-15, 22-26, 35, 36; T 19 N, R 1 W Sections 4-9, 17-23, 27-34; T 18 N, R 2W Sections 1, 2, 12; and T 18 N, R 1 W Sections 3-10, 14-21, 28-29, Boise Meridian.

The purpose of the project is to move the project area towards desired conditions as defined in the Payette National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan (2003) for vegetation, soil, water, riparian, and aquatic resources; improve recreation opportunities and facilities; and contribute to the economic vitality of the communities adjacent to the Payette National Forest. The proposed action includes approximately 40,000 acres of commercial and non-commercial thinning; approximately 45,000 acres of prescribed burning; watershed improvements including road closures, road decommissioning, and fish passage barrier improvements; and recreation improvements including OHV trail work and dispersed camping improvements near Lost Valley Reservoir.

### **Opportunity to Object**

The Lost Creek Boulder Creek Restoration Project FEIS has been mailed out to those who have specifically requested to be included on the project mailing list or have submitted specific written comments. The FEIS, a copy of the draft Record of Decision (ROD), Notice of Availability, Legal Notice, and other information will be available for review at the New Meadows Ranger District and at the Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=33830](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=33830). Additional information regarding the objection process or this action (including hard copies or CD's of the FEIS) can be obtained from: Holly Hutchinson, New Meadows District Environmental Coordinator, 3674 Highway 95, New Meadows, ID 83654; by phone at 208-347-0325; or by e-mail at [hollyhutchinson@fs.fed.us](mailto:hollyhutchinson@fs.fed.us). The proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subpart B.



### **Eligibility to File Objections**

Publication of the legal notice in *The Idaho Statesman* (newspaper of record) begins the 45 day objection period. 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 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.

### **Contents 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, as identified in § 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 of project, and
- 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.
- 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 opportunity for comment.

### **Filing an Objection**

The Reviewing Officer is the Intermountain Region Regional Forester, Nora Rasure. Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer at: 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@fs.fed.us within 45 days following the publication date of the legal notice in *The Idaho Statesman*. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc or .docx) to objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely

manner (§ 218.9). The publication date of the legal notice in *The Idaho Statesman* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Thank you for your interest in the Payette National Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith B. Lannom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

KEITH B. LANNOM  
Forest Supervisor