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**Dear Interested Public:**

Enclosed is a copy of the completed Templeman Healthy Forests Restoration (HFRA) Project Decision Notice and Finding of No-Significant Impact (FONSI) and EA errata sheet. This decision authorizes activities designed to reduce hazardous fuels within the Boundary County wildland urban interface area.

This project was planned under the authority of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003, a law enacted to reduce the threat of destructive wildfires while upholding environmental standards and encouraging early public input during review and planning processes. The environmental analysis (EA) was sent to the public on February 3, 2008. Projects developed under the HFRA authority include a pre-decisional administrative review process referred to as an "objection process" designed to encourage early public participation in project planning. Two objections were received following distribution of the EA. These objections were reviewed by the regional office, and clarification and discussion of several points has been included in the decision. To summarize our responses to the objection points:

- 1) Two planned connected actions will be eliminated from the selected alternative. These two connected include the "future salvage" and "use of herbicides for noxious weed control within the project area" activities.
- 2) To improve soil conditions in Units 3 and 4, currently existing unclassified forest roads numbered 940-UA and 940-UB in Unit 3 and skid trails "A" and "B", extended off end of FR 397C in Unit 4, will be obliterated following use.
- 3) The EA Errata sheet clarifies inconsistencies between specialist reports that concern the use of the terms "culvert replacement" versus "ditch relief pipe cleaning" and "wetlands" versus "moist depression" areas.

We believe this is a well-designed project that will meet the needs of people living in our community as well as those living outside the area.



Although the Templeman HFRA EA project is not subject to further administrative review, please don't hesitate to contact project leader Barry Wynsma at 208-267-5561 if you have any further comments or questions concerning the implementation of this project.

Thank you for your interest in management of your National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/ Linda L. McFaddan                      April 24, 2008  
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enclosures: (DN, FONSI and EA errata sheet)