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Dear Interested Public:

Enclosed is a copy of the completed Twin Skin Healthy Forests Restoration Act (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 March 10, 2008. Projects developed under the HFRA authority include a pre-decisional administrative review process referred to as an "objection process" designed to encourage public participation in project planning. One objection was received following distribution of the EA. The objection was reviewed by the regional office, and a discussion of several points has been included in the decision. To summarize our responses to the objection points:

- Two planned connected actions will be eliminated from the selected alternative. These two actions include "future salvage" and "use of herbicides for noxious weed control within the project area" as described on page 16 of the EA.
- We believe the other issues were adequately covered in either the EA or the project file and the project clearly demonstrates compliance with the HFRA.

In addition, the enclosed EA Errata Sheet clarifies changes that have occurred since the publication of the EA. These include dropping the connected actions as listed above, some additions to the Wildlife Biological Assessment, minor treatment unit modifications, and clarifications on some of the wording within the EA.

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



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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: (DN, FONSI and EA Errata Sheet)