

## **Twin Skin HFRA Environmental Assessment – APPENDIX D**

### **Healthy Forests Restoration Act Pre-Decisional Objection Process**

This project is an authorized fuel reduction project as defined by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, section 102(a). As such it is subject to the Predecisional Administrative Review Process (referred to as the ‘objection process’) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subpart A. Thus, this project is not subject to notice, comment, and appeal provisions under 36 CFR 215 (see 36 CFR 218.3).

Objections will be accepted only from those individuals and organizations who previously submitted written comments specific to the proposed project during the 30-day public comment period (Section 105 (a)(3) and 36 CFR 218 Subpart A).

A legal notice published in the Coeur d’Alene Press, our designated newspaper of record, announcing availability of the EA also describes the objection process. The publication of the legal notice is the *exclusive* means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 218.9(a)). Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. At a minimum, an objection must include the following items (36 CFR 218.7(d)):

- The objector’s name and address, with a telephone number if available;
- A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection);
- When multiple names are listed on the objection, identifications of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector will be provided upon request);
- The name of the proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed authorized hazardous fuel reduction project will be implemented; and
- Provide sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the project that are objected to, to identify specific issues related to the proposed project and to suggest remedies that resolve the objection (36 CFR 218.7(b)).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.7(c), incorporation of documents by reference will not be allowed in an objection.

An objection, including any attachments, must be filed in writing (regular mail, fax, Email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the Reviewing Officer within 30 days of the date of the legal notice (36 CFR 218.9(a)). The Reviewing Officer for this project is the Northern Regional Forester. Objections may be submitted by mail at: USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807; by fax to (406) 329-3411; or by Email to [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us).

Acceptable formats for submitting an electronic objection are MS Word, Word Perfect or RTF. Please include the name of the project in the Email subject line. Hand-delivered objections will be accepted at the Northern Region office at 200 E. Broadway, Missoula, Montana between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, exclusive of Federal holidays. All objections will be open to public inspection during the objection process (36 CFR 218.7(a)).

The Deciding Official for this proposal is Idaho Panhandle Forest Supervisor Ranotta K. McNair at 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815; telephone (208) 765-7223.

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She will make a decision on the project following the objection period. A copy of the decision (Twin Skin HFRA Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact) will be mailed to those who request a copy or have otherwise expressed an interest in the project.