



File Code: 1950

Date: October 4, 2005

Dear Reader,

After careful review of the Wrenco analyses, and public comments, I decided to choose Alternative A as my selected alternative. Alternative A authorize the harvest of trees on approximately 612 acres within the Johnson Creek drainage of the Wrenco Loop area. My decision also includes grapple piling and underburning for fuels treatment and site preparation. Approximately 3.3 miles of new road construction will be needed for product removal and 5.1 miles of exiting road will be reconstructed to improve drainage and reduce sediment introduction into area streams. Watershed restoration work authorized with this project includes decommissioning of approximately 0.8 miles of exiting road and removal of two failing culverts and a bridge.

Enclosed is your copy of the Wrenco Decision Notice (DN). A copy of the Environmental Assessment was provided to you in May of this year. As you can see, this document is being provided on compact disk (CD), which offers a number of convenient features. The document is "book marked" so the viewer can easily navigate from one section of the document to another. The viewer can also "zoom" in on maps and other materials, which make them considerably easier to read. I would encourage you to first try the CD format if you have access to a computer. If not, printed copies will be provided to those who request them. If you received a CD but need to have a printed copy, please contact Nancy Kertis at 208-265-6616. For the convenience of our interested public and in an effort to conserve paper and reduce publication costs, the decision and environmental assessment are also available to the public on our Forest's internet web page: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa>.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11. Individuals or organizations that submitted substantive comments during the public comment period may appeal. Appeals, including attachments, must be filed (via regular mail, fax, email, hand delivery, express delivery or messenger service) with the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. The publication date of the legal notice in the Spokesman-Review newspaper is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Hard copy (printed appeals) must be mailed to: **USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, Attn: Appeal Deciding Officer, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807**; delivered to: **USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, Attn: Appeal Deciding Officer, 200 West Broadway, Missoula**; or submitted by fax to: **USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, Attn: Appeal Deciding Officer, (406) 329-3411**.

Electronic appeals must be submitted to: [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us). The subject line should contain the name of the project being appealed. There are 3 acceptable formats for electronically filed appeals: MS Word, Word Perfect, or rich text format (.rtf).

I am the Responsible Official for this project. For more information, please contact Project Team Leader Nancy Kertis (208-265-6616) or District Ecosystem Staff Officer Jim Barrett (208-265-6627). Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger

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