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Dear Reader:

My staff completed the Avery Fuels Reduction Project Environmental Assessment (EA). You were on the original mailing list, but you did not submit comments on the project. The EA is available on the internet at [www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa/index.html), on a CD, or printed on paper. Please contact the St. Joe Ranger District at (208)245-2531 if you would like a copy of the EA.

I prefer Alternative C which would reduce hazardous fuels on 3,387 acres near Avery, Idaho, an at-risk community within the wildland-urban interface. Specific actions include 3,022 acres of shrubfield burning; 253 acres of a combination of slashing, burning, and planting in areas with off-site ponderosa pine trees; and 112 acres of commercial thinning.

This project is an authorized fuel reduction project as defined by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 and is subject to the Predecisional Administrative Review Process (referred to as the 'objection process') pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subpart A. This project is not subject to notice, comment, and appeal provisions pursuant to 36 CFR 215 (see 36 CFR 218.3).

Objections will be accepted only from those who submitted written comments specific to the proposed project (36 CFR 218.6).

If an objection is received on this project the Reviewing Officer and objector may meet and/or converse by telephone to discuss issues and potential resolution. The Reviewing Officer has the discretion to determine whether or not adequate time remains in the review period to make a meeting with the objector practical. These meetings would take place soon after the closing date for filing an objection. All meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending any resolution discussions, please contact the Responsible Official or monitor the following website for postings about current objections in the Northern Region of the Forest Service: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/projects/appeal\\_index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/projects/appeal_index.shtml).

If you have questions, please call the St. Joe Ranger District at (208)245-2531.

Sincerely,

Acting  
For CHARLES A. MARK  
District Ranger

