

**File Code:** 3400; 2400**Date:** JUN 27 2016**Route To:****Subject:** Region 2 Farm Bill Insect & Disease treatment area designation**To:** Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 2016, requesting the designation of additional landscape-scale areas on the San Isabel National Forest to address insect or disease threats under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a), as added by section 8204 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

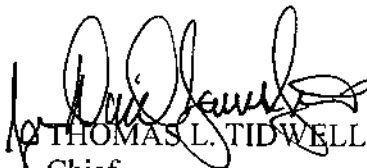
I have determined the areas you requested to be designated under Section 602 meet one or more of the following criteria in Section 602:

- The area is experiencing decline of forest health based on annual forest health surveys;
- The area is at risk of substantial tree mortality over the next 15 years based on the National Insect and Disease Risk Map; or
- The area is one in which hazard trees pose imminent risk to public infrastructure, health or safety

Based on this determination, I hereby designate each of the areas, excluding Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas, as a landscape-scale insect and disease area under Section 602(d). Note the difference between your request (1,163,385 acres) and the approved designations (827,400 acres) are from adjusting your request to National Forest System Proclaimed Land areas and removing non-Forest Service inholdings. A map showing the designated areas is enclosed. This letter of designation, the map showing the designated areas as well as other documents pertaining to your request will be posted on the Forest Service 2014 Farm Bill website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/farmbill/>).

Designation under Section 602 will allow us to further evaluate these landscape areas for potential treatments to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation in accordance with Sections 602(d).

Again, thank you for your request to designate landscape areas that are experiencing declining forest health in your region. If you have any questions about the designation, please contact Brian Ferebee, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System at (202) 205-0824 or bferebee@fs.fed.us.



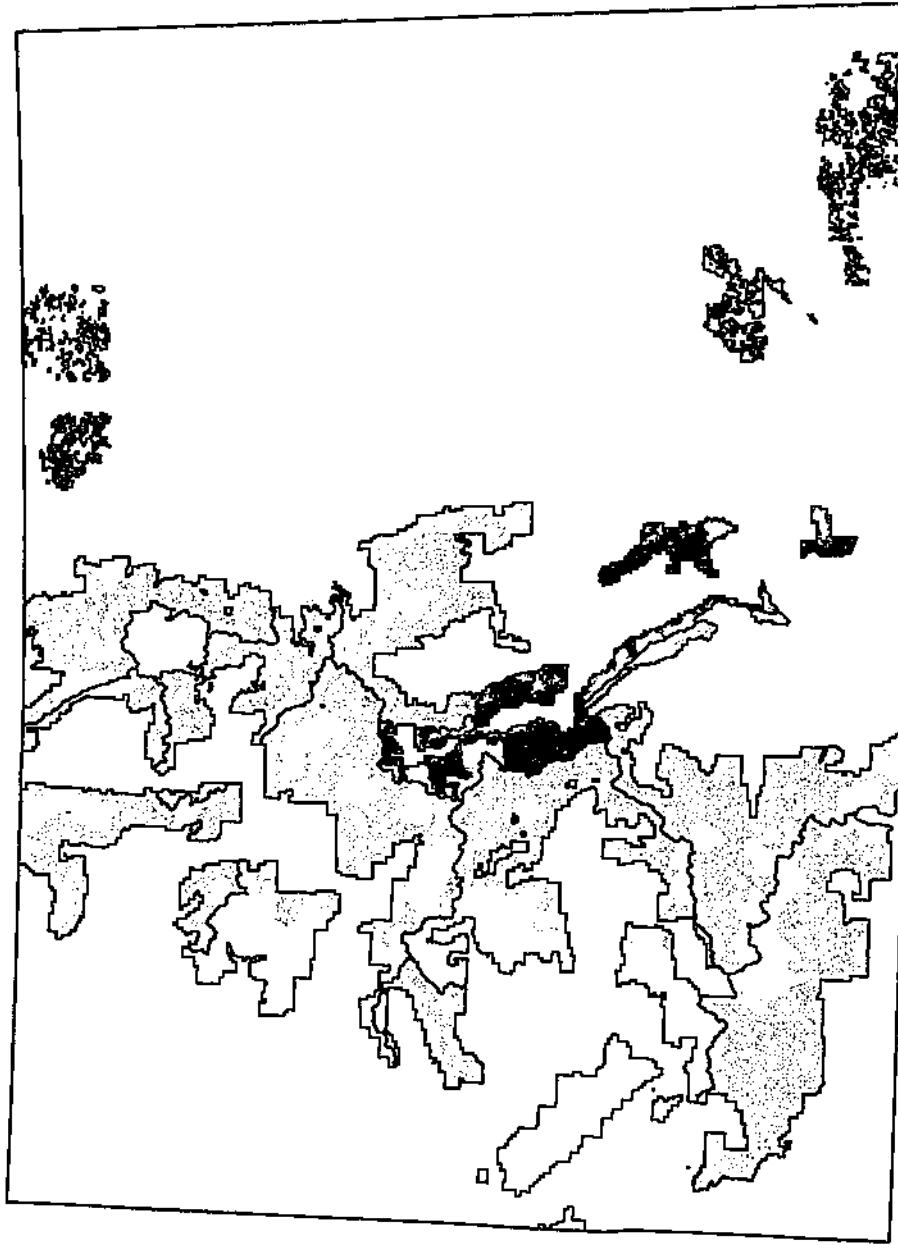
THOMAS L. TIDWELL
Chief




Enclosures (2)





National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in Colorado



-  Newly Added Designations
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-  Lands Within the National Forest Boundary

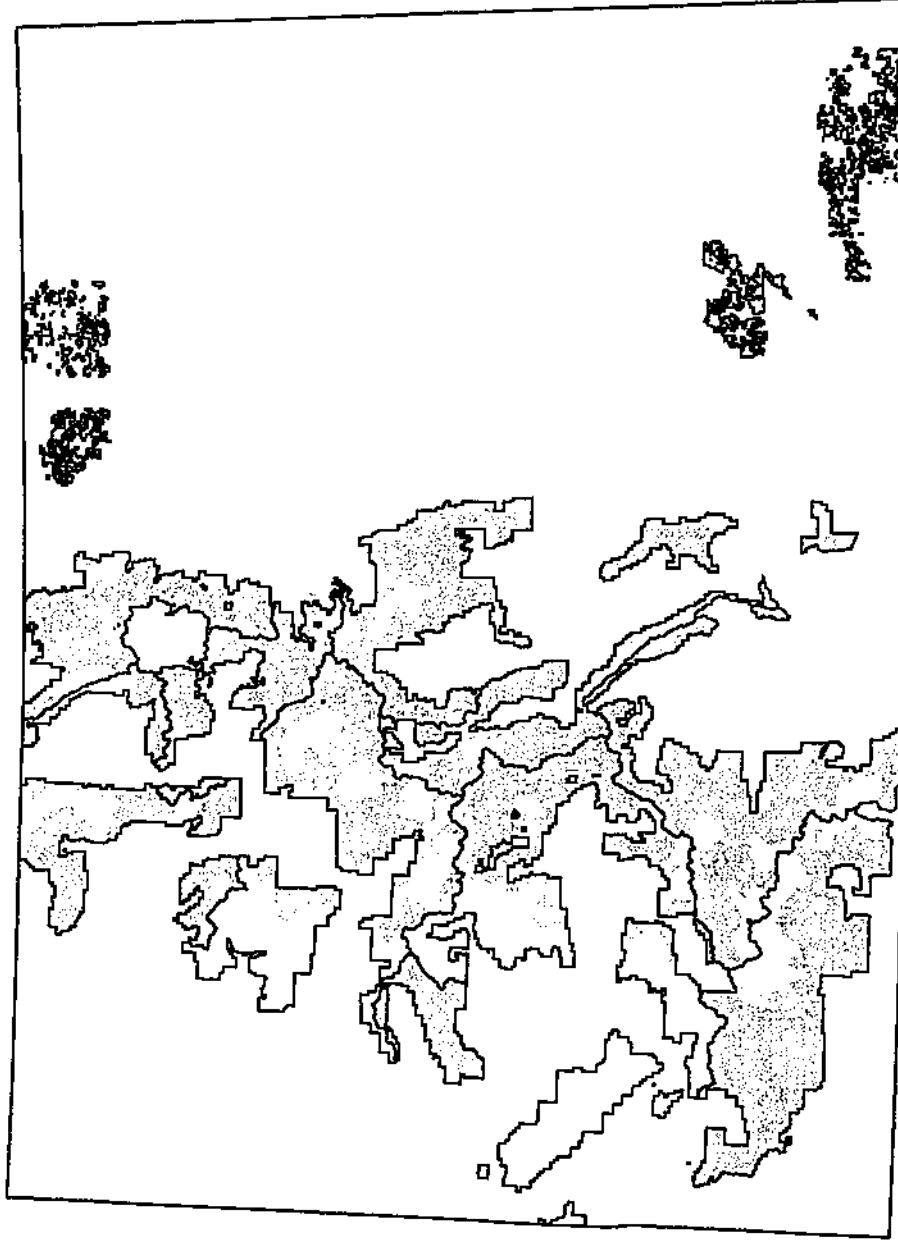
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Please contact Brian Ferebee for details: bferabee@fs.fed.us

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