

Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Potential costs of hazard reduction during bark beetle outbreaks [X] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: UDSA Forest Service [] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: **Barbour R.J., Dykstra, D., Fried, J., and Thompson, M. 2010. Rapid Assessment of Potential Biomass Volumes from Beetle Killed Lodgepole Pine in Colorado and Wyoming. Report to the Deputy Chief for Research and Director of Cooperative Forestry 16p.**

Purpose of Report: This report outlines removal and transportation costs and processing options for wood removed from hazard reduction activities along roads, in the Wildland Urban Interface, and in recreation sites where stands have been attacked by bark beetles. The review process included Forest Service Region 2 staff and consultants familiar with wood to energy and wood processing businesses. This report has been rolled into:
Patton_Mallory, M. and Barbour, J. 2010. Harvesting Energy- Western States' Response to Forested Landscapes Impacted by Bark Beetle.
Which is a business plan being used by Forest Service Leadership in planning a response to the bark beetle outbreak in the western US. These two reports have the potential to influence decisions worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the Forest Service and other agencies.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: July 2010 End: August 2010 Completed: August 2010

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Wood products processing, mechanical engineering, wood harvesting

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name: _____

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How: _____
When: _____

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No

Other: _____

