

## Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Emissions, energy returns, and fossil fuel offsets from utilizing forest treatment residues for thermal energy  **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: USDA Forest Service  **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: Forest Residue biomass utilization in the Bitterroot Valley, Montana

Purpose of Report: Compare 1) utilizing forest treatment residues for thermal energy, with 2) disposal of forest treatment residues by onsite burning and using fossil fuels to obtain the equivalent thermal energy.

Type of Review:  Panel Review  Individual Reviewers  
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):  
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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 11/3/08 End: 5/29/09 Completed: 6/30/09

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Biomass utilization, climate change, statistics.

Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  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: \_\_\_\_\_