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Bureau of Land Management
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DECISION RECORD

Filly Thinning Determination of NEPA Adequacy
DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2015-0012-DNA

Decision

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action as described in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy Worksheet (DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2015-0012-DNA). This action will reduce ladder fuels to benefit shade-intolerant seral species, specifically ponderosa pine. The proposed thinning project will also benefit ponderosa pine by reducing competition and reducing fuel loading. Protective measures include; protecting BLM sensitive botanical species, protecting old growth ponderosa pines, and monitoring weeds. Due to the substantial risk of wildfire, this decision is effective immediately.

Rationale for Decision

This project is an example of the BLM complying with the mandate of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 requiring Federal land managing agencies to: "Manage public lands and their resource values so they are utilized in the combination that best meets the present and future needs of the American people." Furthermore, this project helps fulfill the BLM's mission of providing multiple use of America's public lands while sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of those lands.

This decision complies with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan (RMP) approved June 2007, as stated in Action VF-1.2.2, Action FW-2.1.3, Action FW-2.2.4, Action FW-2.2.6, Objective WF-1.5, Actions WF-1.5.2 and WF-1.5.3 and Objective WF-1.6.

This project is centered within other BLM lands, but the BLM did contact several of the distantly adjacent landowners to discuss the project during public scoping of the initial EA. There were no negative comments about the project from public scoping or the adjacent landowners. The original project scoping letter was also published on the Coeur d'Alene Field Office NEPA web site in April of 2009.

Authority

This action is authorized in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and by 43 CFR 5003.

Administrative Review Procedures

This wildfire management decision is issued under 43 CFR Part 5003.1 and is effective immediately. The BLM has made the determination that vegetation, soil, or other resources on the public lands are at substantial risk of wildfire due to drought, fuels buildup, or other reasons, or at immediate risk of erosion or other damage due to wildfire. Thus, notwithstanding the provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a)(1), filing a notice of appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 does not automatically suspend the effect of the decision. The Interior Board of Land Appeals must decide an appeal of this decision within 60 days after all pleadings have been filed, and within 180 days after the appeal was filed (43 CFR 4.416).

/s/

7/6/15

Kurt Pavlat
Coeur d'Alene Field Manager

Date

Attachment: Determination of NEPA Adequacy Worksheet (DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2015-0012-DNA)