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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is extending the public comment period for the Nedsbar Forest Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA) for an additional 7 days. The EA describes and analyzes four alternatives for future forest management in the planning area.

The action alternatives (Alternatives 3-5) propose forest management activities on BLM-administered lands ranging from 1,412 acres to 2,378 acres within the Little Applegate and Upper Applegate Watersheds. The BLM fully developed two action alternatives (Alternatives 3 and 4).

A core group of dedicated members of the community, known as the Community Alternative Working Group (CAWG), presented their action alternative to the BLM in February of 2015. Throughout the community alternative development process, the BLM collaborated with the CAWG through sharing of data, field trips, and meetings to discuss the Nedsbar Project. The alternative submitted by the CAWG is considered and analyzed in detail in this EA as Alternative 5.

Alternative 4 considers temporary and permanent road construction (1.28 miles and 3.24 miles, respectively) while Alternatives 3 and 5 do not propose road construction (either temporary or permanent). Road decommissioning (1.88 miles), long-term road closures (7.34 miles), road renovations, and road improvements along haul routes are considered under all action alternatives. The decision maker may choose one of the alternatives or can select an alternative that blends components of one or more of the alternatives.

You can access the Nedsbar EA and associated errata document on the BLM's ePlanning website at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=55341&dctmId=0b0003e880a55436>

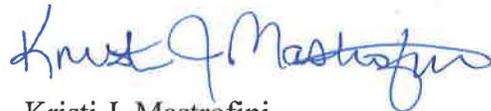
If you do not have internet access, or would prefer a paper copy, please contact Kathy Minor, Assistant Field Manager, at 541.618.2245 or kminor@blm.gov.

We welcome your comments on the content of the EA. We are particularly interested in comments that address one or more of the following: (1) new information that would affect the analysis, or (2) information or evidence of flawed or incomplete analysis. Specific comments are the most useful. **Comments should be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 8, 2016.**

All comments should be made in writing and mailed or delivered to Kristi Mastrofini, Field Manager, Ashland Resource Area, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504 or emailed to BLM_OR_MD_mail@blm.gov, Attention: Kathy Minor. Please note that all written submissions from private individuals in response to this notice, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information may be made available for public inspection and disclosure, unless you specifically request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your personal identifying information from public review or disclosure, you must state this at the beginning of your written comment and provide justification for doing so. We will honor such requests to the extent allowed by law, but you should be aware that release of that information may be required under certain circumstances. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or business will be made available for public inspection and disclosure in their entirety.

Further information on this proposed project is available at the Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504 or by calling Kathy Minor, Assistant Field Manager at 541.618.2245. Thank you for your interest in the Nedsbar Forest Management Project.

Sincerely,



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