

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Coeur d'Alene Field Office
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

DECISION RECORD
Blue Creek Disposal and Burn Pit
DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2016-0006-CX

1. Background

The Recreation program is in need of a designated brush disposal and burn pit area. Annually, the Recreation program has to dispose of 30-50 yards of brush from its managed developed recreation areas, not including Huckleberry CG on the St. Joe River. Because most of our developed recreation sites are not suitable for direct on site disposal and burning, the program has been hauling brush to a local disposal company in Kootenai County, Cannon Hill Industries located on Seltice Way in Post Falls, ID. Disposing brush with the program's dump trailer, one load to Cannon Hill costs on average \$100.00. The added cost paying for disposing 30-50 yards of brush annually is straining the program's already tight budget. Recreation and the Field Office could be using these funds for more suitable needs.

The proposed plan is to create a designated disposal and burning pit area in the Wallace L. Forest Conservation Area (WFCA) at Blue Creek Bay (see attached maps). The location is ideal. It is located in Kootenai County entirely on BLM, just off a year round maintained county road (Yellowstone Road), has good vegetation screening from the road (hidden so the public can't see it), the site has been previously impacted as a logging staging area from the previous property owners, there's an existing access road (with a culvert for the county road drainage), with a large open area for piling and burning so trees don't get scorched.

The site will be improved for better ingress- egress for a least a full size pick-up towing a 14 ft dump trailer. This would involve grubbing the site of smaller trees, adding base rock and gravel to the road and pit area, while installing a heavy-duty "road closure" gate just off the Yellowstone Road for admin use and access only.

2. Decision

It is my decision to implement the proposed project as described above and in the attached Categorical Exclusion document; designating a brush disposal and burn pit area of land managed by the BLM, Coeur d'Alene Field Office in Kootenai County, Idaho. This would involve grubbing the site of smaller trees, adding base rock and gravel to the access road and pit area, and installing a heavy-duty road closure gate on the access road for admin use only. No new roads will be constructed.

Additionally, measures will be taken to discourage the invasion and spread of noxious weed species such as Canada thistle or spotted knapweed. Before implementation, all motorized equipment used for grubbing work will be washed prior to being moved into the project area.

3. Authority

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

4. Rationale

This action is an opportunity to reduce the potential hazards to public safety and enhance recreation opportunities, meet the goals and objectives addressed in the RMP and Coeur d'Alene Lake SRMA, and improve the developed recreation infrastructure for the Field Office. Also, as determined in the attached Categorical Exclusion Documentation, no significant impacts are anticipated.

5. Protest and Appeal

This decision constitutes my final decision. Any party that is adversely affected by it may appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in this office (BLM Coeur d'Alene Field Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The Notice of appeal must be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.

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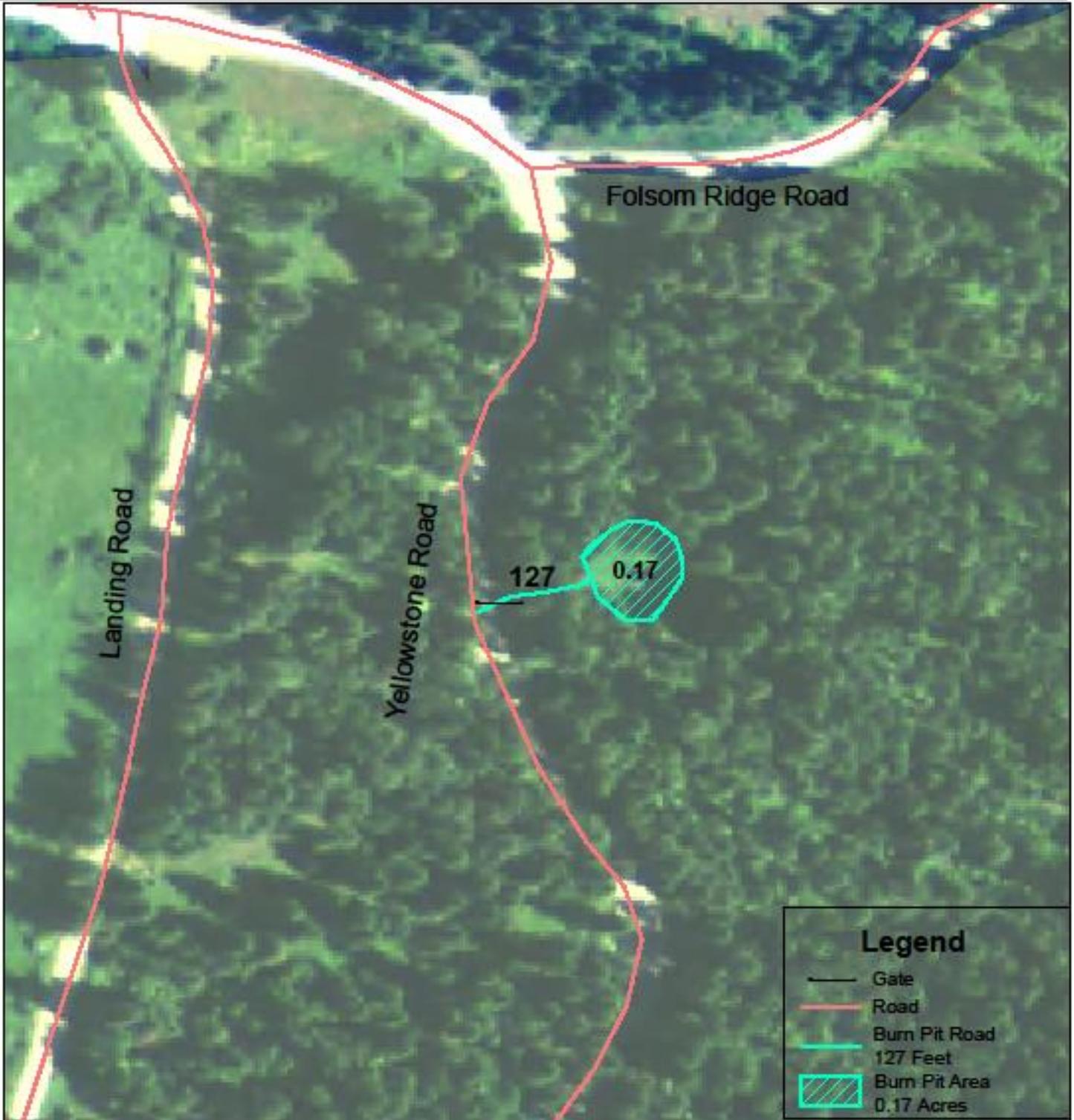
Kurt Pavlat
Field Manager

Date

Attachments:

- 1) Map 1: Project Area
- 2) Map 2: Vicinity Map

Blue Creek Burn Pit



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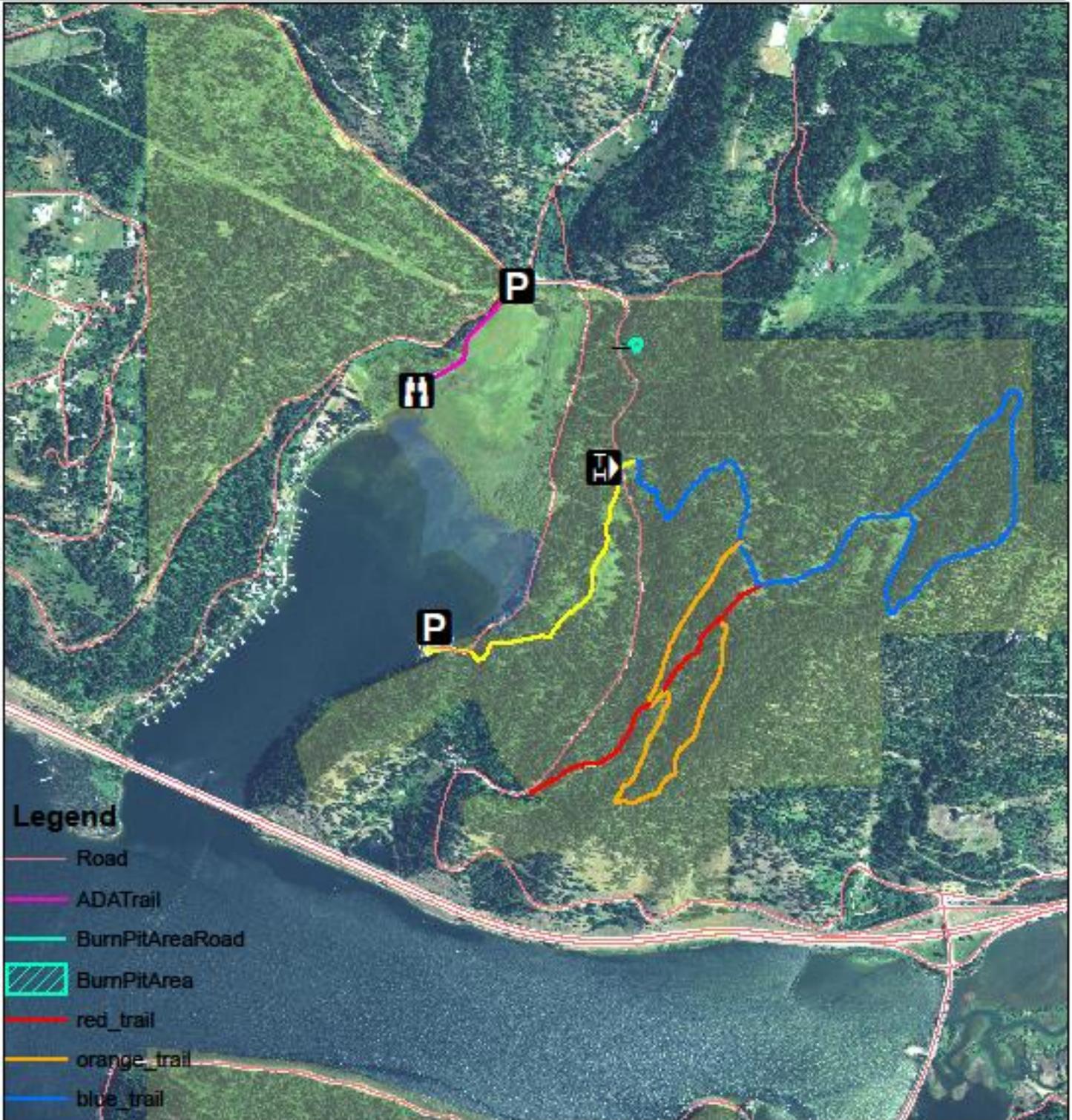
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Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N



Blue Creek Burn Pit



Legend

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- ADATrail
- BurnPitAreaRoad
- BurnPitArea
- red_trail
- orange_trail
- blue_trail



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