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Craig Foss
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Dear Mr. Foss:

The Payette National Forest is submitting the enclosed proposal for the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) provision in the Agriculture Act of 2014 (Farm Bill), Section 8204 Insect and Disease Infestation. I convened a team of resource specialists along with a Line Officer to evaluate the potential treatment areas based on the criteria specified in the Farm Bill. The team was composed of the following members:

Lisa Klinger ----- District Ranger
Kim Johnson ----- Forest Silviculturist
Dave LaChapelle----- West Zone Fire Management Specialist
Chans O'Brien----- GIS Specialist
Carl Jorgensen----- Entomologist – Forest Health Protection, Boise Field Office
Whitey Rehberg ----- Timber Sale Contracting Officer/Sale Prep Group Leader

The Payette Forest Coalition (PFC) was consulted and they are supportive of this project based on the project meeting the Coalition's criteria of the proposed treatment area, or areas, be outside of the Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project. I concur with the Coalition's criteria.

The team analyzed eight potential treatment areas by considering their location within a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), Community Protection Zone (CPZ), Fire Regime Condition Class of 2 and 3, in Fire Groups I, II, and III outside of WUI, municipal watersheds, existing transportation infrastructure, and the wood products and market industry infrastructure. The team used coverages of the 2013 Aerial Detection Survey for Region 4 and National Insect and Disease Risk Map (NIDRM). Other considerations were roadless area boundaries and past and current harvest activities.

Of the eight potential treatment areas analyzed using the above evaluation criteria, one area was identified that best meets the intent of HFRA. The designated potential treatment area is located on the McCall Ranger District within the Kennally Creek six-level hydrologic unit (HUC6) in the Paddy Flat area, approximately 12 miles southeast of McCall, Idaho. Specific treatment areas within the landscape have not been identified at this time. If the project is selected a proposal will be developed to analyze with a Categorical Exclusion (CE).

Sincerely,

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