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Dear Reader

This letter is to inform you that the Green Mountain project Draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) have been completed and are now available for pre-decisional administrative review (objection).

Project Summary

The McKenzie River Ranger District is proposing to provide a sustainable supply of timber products, increase vegetative habitat complexity and hardwood composition along streams, shift age class, and improve structural diversity in 4,363 acres on the Willamette National Forest. The proposed project is located off Highway 126, along Aufderheide Road (Forest Road 19), near the town of Blue River, Oregon.

Draft Record of Decision

Alternative 2 will allow treatments on approximately 4,363 acres in the project area. Harvest treatments will include thinning, gap creation, dominant tree release, regeneration harvest, and skips. Harvest treatments will occur in stands ranging in age from approximately 27-181 years old and yield approximately 85 million board feet of timber. Post-harvest fuels treatments include pile and burn and post-harvest underburn. Approximately 10.3 miles of temporary road construction will occur and approximately 130 miles of existing road will be maintained.

Alternative 2 would include treatments in Management Area 5a – Special Interest Areas (SIAs). The Green Mountain project proposes to treat approximately 206 acres in the South Fork McKenzie SIA and approximately 59 acres in the Hidden Lake-Lulu Lake SIA with thinning, gaps, and skips.

Pre-Decisional Administrative Review (Objection)

The Green Mountain project is subject to pre-decisional administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR 218.

Who may file an objection: Only individuals, or organizations that submitted specific written comments during any designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or public comment periods) may object (36 CFR 218.5).

Objection requirements: An objection must meet all of the requirements described in 36 CFR 218.8.

Timeline for filing of objections: Evidence of and responsibility for timely filing is described in 36 CFR 218.9. Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer within 45 days from the date of publication of notice of the objection period in the *Eugene Register Guard*, the newspaper of record for the Willamette National Forest. The publication date in the *Eugene Register Guard* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Submitting an objection: Objections may be submitted in the following ways:

Electronic Submission: Electronic objections will be accepted through the Forest Service online comment system available at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=40858>



Mail: Objections can be mailed to the Reviewing Officer at the address below. Objections delivered by mail must be received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period.

Regional Forester, Reviewing Officer
Pacific Northwest Region
Attention: Objections
1220 SW 3rd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

Hand delivery: Objections may be hand delivered to the Regional Office at the address above between 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday except legal holidays

The Draft ROD and FEIS are available on the Forest Service Website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40858>. A limited number of hard copies will be available upon request. If you have any questions concerning this project, or would like to request a copy of the Draft ROD and FEIS, contact Dean Schlichting at (541) 822-7214, deandschlichting@fs.fed.us, or at the McKenzie River Ranger District at 57600 McKenzie Highway, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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