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Interested Public,

I am pleased to announce the publication of the Railroad Saddle Forest Restoration Project environmental assessment, finding of no significant impact, and draft decision notice. These documents are available online at the project's webpage at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61229.

The 25,000-acre project is on the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest, west and northwest of New Meadows, Idaho in Adams County. The project aims to move forest stands toward vegetative desired conditions; move subwatersheds toward desired conditions for soil, water, riparian, and aquatic resources; and provide forest products to contribute to the economic sustainability of local communities. The proposed action would authorize vegetation treatments of commercial harvesting, non-commercial thinning, and prescribed fire, as well as road and trail management activities to include culvert improvements and decommissioning of unneeded roads and routes.

The Notice of Opportunity to Object was published in the newspaper of record (Idaho Statesman) on March 27, 2023. The publication date of the legal notice in the Idaho Statesman is the exclusive means for calculating the 45-day objection period for the Railroad Saddle Forest Restoration Project. Those wishing to submit an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The objection legal notice with information on the objection process is available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61229.

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Sincerely,

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