

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
UPPER COLUMBIA-SALMON CLEARWATER DISTRICT**

**COEUR D'ALENE FIELD OFFICE**

**LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND  
NEPA DOCUMENTATION**

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Contact the listed person for project-specific information. For general information, call Stephanie Snook, Planning and Environmental Coordinator at (208) 769-5004 or email [Stephanie.Snook@blm.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Snook@blm.gov)

NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act  
CX = Categorical Exclusion  
EA = Environmental Assessment  
T. = Township, R. = Range, Sec. = Section

**Contact Person:** Scott Forssell **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5044

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Hagman Road Right-of-Way

The applicant proposes to construct a road to private property.

**Project Type/Size:** Road Right-of-way 1200' x 50'

**Location including county:** T.48N., R.3E., Section 9 Shoshone County

**Type of NEPA document:** EA **EA #:** not assigned

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** July 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** August 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** None

**Contact Person:** Scott Forssell **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5044

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Forest Capital (FC) Proposed Land Exchange

The applicant proposes to give up private acreage in the West fork Pine Creek drainage in exchange for public land scattered tracts in two counties to the north.

**Project Type/Size:** Land Exchange – 360 acres private offered in exchange for equal values selected from 680 public land acres.

**Location including county:** Private lands in Shoshone County, described as within:

Secs. 10, 14, 15, T. 47N., R. 1E.

A value equal to the private lands described above, selected from BLM lands in Bonner and Boundary Counties and described as within:

Sec. 23, T. 61N., R. 1E.,

Sec. 18, T. 61N., R. 1E.,

Sec. 28, T. 60N., R. 1W.,

Sec. 10, T. 58N., R. 2W.,

Secs. 6, 28, 30, T. 59N., R. 2W.

**Type of NEPA document:** EA

**EA #:** ID-086-03-09

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** April/May 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** April/May 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** Boulder Grizzly Bear Management Unit

**Remarks:** The private property includes over 1.25 miles of riparian and spawning habitat for westslope cutthroat trout and sculpin; it also includes old growth cedar forests that escaped the 1910 fire. Certain of the public lands would be conveyed subject to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife restrictions to protect bears.

**Contact Person:** Mark Reeves

**Telephone #:** (208) 769-5046

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Hunter Stand Density Management/Release

The purpose of the project is to release and maintain the WWP, WL, and WWP from competition with brush and in-growth, reduce mortality rate of these species from competition, and accelerate the growth of these trees such that they will become the dominant trees of the forest in the future while retaining as many of the other conifers as possible to provide cover for lynx. Survivability of the existing healthy WL, WWP, and PP will be enhanced through reduction of in-growth and reduction of competition for sunlight and nutrients from brush and shrubs.

**Project Type/Size:** Forest Health project on 30 acres.

**Location including county:** T.47N., R.2E., Sections 5 & 6 - Shoshone County

**Type of NEPA document:** EA

**EA #:** ID080-03-06

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** March 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** Summer 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** Project lies within a Lynx Analysis Unit

**Contact Person:** Mark Reeves

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**Project Name & Brief Description:** Rock Creek Release

The purpose of the project is to release and maintain the WWP, WL, and WWP from competition with brush and in-growth, reduce mortality rate of these species from competition, and accelerate the growth of these trees such that they will become the dominant trees of the forest in the future while retaining as many of the other conifers as possible to provide cover for lynx. Survivability of the existing healthy WL, WWP, and PP will be enhanced through reduction of in-growth and reduction of competition for sunlight and nutrients from brush and shrubs.

**Project Type/Size:** Forest Health - Stand release and modified pre-commercial thinning. Project size will vary in size from 100 acres to 300 acres depending on a land exchange involving USFS, BLM, and IDL.

**Location including county:** T45N, R5E, Sections 31 & 32, Shoshone County.

**Type of NEPA document:** EA

**EA #:** ID080-03-16

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** Summer 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** Summer 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** Project lies within a Lynx Analysis Unit

**Contact Person:** Mark Reeves      **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5046

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Islands Pilot Fuels Reduction and Forest Health.  
Management actions would reduce the potential loss of trees due to wild fire, enhance forest health, plus return the area to a more historic species mix on approximately 135 acres. The treatment area is a small portion of BLM lands in the Islands Project Area. The size of the project was kept small so that results of the proposed treatments could be monitored and evaluated to determine changes and improvements in potential future management actions in the Island Project Area.

**Project Type/Size:** Forest Health/Fuels Reduction – 135 acres

**Location including county:** T48N, R5E, Sections 28 and 33, Shoshone County

**Type of NEPA document:** EA      **EA #:** ID086-03-15

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** Spring 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** Summer 2004

**Contact Person:** Mark Reeves      **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5046

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Breezy Saddle Site Preparation

The purpose of the project is to prepare approximately 100 acres for reforestation through creation of planting sites. An additional 90 acres would be interplanted to increase the stocking levels of western white pine so that this species may recover some of its numbers and return to more historic stocking levels.

**Project Type/Size:** Forest Health – 100 acres

**Location including county:** T43N, R4E, Sec 1 - Shoshone County

**Type of NEPA document:** EA or CX      **EA #:** None assigned

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** Summer 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** Summer 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** Treatment area is located in a drainage populated with Bull Trout (Little North Fork of the Clearwater) and within a Lynx Analysis Unit.

**Contact Person:** Bill Cook      **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5042

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Two Tail Forest Health Project

The project would involve a combination of salvage, sanitation, and thinning (commercial and pre-commercial) to salvage dead and dying material, and to reduce stocking levels to trend the stands to historical species composition and stocking levels.

**Project Type/Size:** Salvage-Sanitation-Thinning-Small Wood Utilization/800 acres

**Location including county:** Boundary County

**Type of NEPA document:** EA      **EA #:** ID086-03-08

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** June 1, 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** September 1, 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** Boulder Bear Management Area for Grizzly Bears

**Contact Person:** Scott Robinson      **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5048

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Coeur d'Alene Field Office Fire Management Plan (FMP). Fire Management Plans are strategic plans that define a program to manage wildland and prescribed fires based on an area's land use plan. The FMP will discuss wildland fire suppression, prescribed fire, non-fire fuels treatments and emergency stabilization and rehabilitation. An FMP must provide for firefighter and public safety; include fire management strategies, tactics, and alternatives; address values to be protected and public health issues; and be consistent with resource management objectives, activities of the area, and environmental laws and regulations. Use of wildland fire for resource benefit will not be considered as part of the proposed action in this plan.

**Project Type/Size:** Fire Management Plan for about 100,000 acres of BLM lands.

**Location including county:** Coeur d'Alene Field Office; Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone

**Type of NEPA document:** EA      **EA #:** ID-086-04-01

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** September 30, 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** October 1, 2004

**Special Management Areas involved:** Crystal Lake WSA, Grandmother Mountain WSA, Selkirk WSA, Hideaway Islands RNA, and Lund Creek RNA.

**Contact Person:** Jeff Casey      **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5025

**Project Name & Brief Description:** South Hill WUI Project 1

The area is adjacent to homes and the city of Wallace, Idaho. The Shoshone County Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fire plan has identified the area South of Wallace as a major concern for control and abatement of wildland fires. This is the first project to be considered in this area. Inventories will be conducted to determine future management actions to provide the greatest protection to the city of Wallace from wildfires. The project may consist of creating fuel breaks, reducing ladder fuels and brush, removal of smaller merchantable timber (thinning), mechanically treating slash and fuel, and use of fire to create a break in the continuity of fuels on the hillside.

**Project Type/Size:** Approximately 30 Acres

**Location including county:** N½ NW¼, Sec 18, T. 47N. R. 4E., BM., Shoshone

**Type of NEPA document:**      **EA or CX number:** Not Assigned

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** July 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** August 2004

**Contact Person:** Jeff Casey      **Telephone #:** (208) 769-5025

**Project Name & Brief Description:** Jewell Gulch WUI Project

The area is adjacent to homes and is located within the Shoshone County Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). The project would reduce the risk of uncontrollable Wildland fires by reducing ladder fuels and brush in the Jewell Gulch Drainage on BLM lands. This action would consist of removing smaller merchantable timber as a thinning, mechanical treatment of slash and fuel and use of fire.

**Project Type/Size:** Approximately 80 Acres

**Location including county:** N½ NW¼ , Sec 18, T. 47N. R. 4E., BM., Shoshone

**Type of NEPA document:** **EA or CX number:** Not Assigned

**Date Decision Record is expected to be signed:** July 2004

**Date Project is expected to begin:** September 2004