

NOTICE OF DECISION
USDA – FOREST SERVICE
NORTHERN REGION
CLEARWATER RANGER DISTRICT
NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST
IDAHO COUNTY, IDAHO

On February 11, 2003, Nez Perce National Forest Supervisor Bruce Bernhardt made the decision to proceed with activities described in the Meadow Face Stewardship Pilot Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (February 2002).

The alternative selected for implementation is 4B as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, with modifications. This alternative provides for long-term watershed ecosystem management and maintenance, transportation and access systems, ESA listed aquatic and terrestrial species habitat improvements, and soil and water resource restoration in the Meadow Creek drainage tributary to the South Fork Clearwater River. The following activities will be implemented with this modified decision:

- Maintain 102 miles of road (12.5 deferred maintenance)
- Construct 12 miles of temporary road
- Decommission 91 miles of road
- Convert 5 miles of road to trail
- Construct 0.1 mile of new OHV trail
- Maintain dispersed campsites where roads are decommissioned
- Rehabilitate about 3 miles of stream
- Harvest timber up to 3735 acres
- Prescribe burn 7100 acres
- Replace 45 culverts
- Apply dust abatement to 5 miles of road
- Treat 200 acres of noxious weeds
- Restore native plant species in McComas Meadows
- Restore 550 acres of compacted soils
- Stabilize the Meadow Creek Slide
- Install improvements at McComas/ Blacktail Junction, Camp 58, and Quartz Ridge dispersed recreation sites
- Three site specific amendments of the Nez Perce Forest Plan

Copies of the Record of Decision and FEIS have been mailed to those people who have submitted comments during the analysis of the Meadow Face Stewardship Pilot Project. Additional copies are available upon request at the Clearwater Ranger District, P.O. Box 475, Grangeville, Idaho 83530.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215.7. Appeals must be postmarked or received within 45 days of the date of this legal notice. Send appeals to USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer (RFO), P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, Montana 59807.

Appeals must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.

For more information on this project, contact Darcy Pederson, District Ranger, or David Harper, Project Coordinator, at (208) 983-1963.