# Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact

Developed Recreation Site Concessionaire Permit February 2012

USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest Clackamas, Hood River, and Wasco Counties, Oregon

An Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents the analysis for concessionaire management of 28 developed recreation sites in Mt. Hood National Forest has been completed. The EA is available at the Forest website at <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/projects">http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/projects</a>. The Proposed Action addresses the need to keep the sites open for public use and enjoyment, to provide safe, clean, affordable, functional facilities, and to operate the sites in a more cost efficient manner.

#### Decision

I have reviewed the analysis in the EA for the Developed Recreation Site Concessionaire Permit; considered the public comments received on the Proposed Action; and discussed the effects, as well as the trade-offs, with members of the Interdisciplinary Team and my Forest staff. As a result, I have decided to implement **Alternative B**, the Proposed Action.

The key components of my decision will be:

- 1) The approval to group the previously Forest Service-managed campgrounds and day use sites listed in Table 2.0 in this Decision Notice (the same sites are listed in Table 1.1 in the EA) with other recreational facilities that have been successfully operated by concessionaires for many years; and,
- 2) The issuance of a new special use permit for the concession operation and maintenance of all the aforementioned developed recreation sites.

Though my decision results in an operational and administrative change, it does not authorize any substantial ground-disturbing activities or any major modifications to the current facilities. Minor ground-disturbing activities that are approved in my decision will be limited to routine operations and maintenance actions, such as replacing campfire rings or the repair of gravel parking areas.

All of the developed campgrounds and day use sites would continue to be managed under existing, pertinent Forest Service policies and regulations.

#### **Reasons for the Decision**

In making a decision on this project, I evaluated the Purpose and Need for the project, public comments on the proposal, and the social and economic effects disclosed in the EA. I also

reviewed the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) direction applicable to these areas, as well as the Recreational Facilities Analysis (RFA) undertaken by the Forest in 2007 (Recreation Facility Analysis: 5-Year Program of Work and Programmatic Results of Implementation, Mt. Hood National Forest, July 3, 2008). I have determined that **Alternative B** is fully consistent with Forest Plan direction.

The over-arching imperative associated with the project's objectives is to provide a clean, safe, and enjoyable experience for our visitors at all of the Forest's developed recreational facilities available for public use. Three decades or so ago, Forest Service personnel cleaned and operated most Government-owned facilities on the Mt. Hood National Forest. About that time, the Forest began experimenting with concession operation of its developed recreation sites, and has generally found it to be a successful, viable option to provide high quality, efficiently managed recreational facilities for our Forest visitors. The Forest Plan recognized how valuable a management tool that concession operation presents, explicitly stating: "developed campgrounds and other developed sites will continue to be offered for operation by concession" (Forest Plan, pg. 4-36).

Though many of the campgrounds and day use sites identified in Alternative B were considered in the 2007 RFA as important facilities to keep open to satisfy Forest visitors' desires and needs, in truth, the majority of these sites have very low occupancy rates and growing deferred maintenance costs (EA, p. 33, Table 3.2). A number of these sites are very small, rustic campgrounds, each of which enjoys a local constituency of faithful visitors. They satisfy a part of the Forest's recreation niche, offering an affordable camping and/or picnicking experience to many. However, to be truthful, it's questionable if it's prudent financially to continue operating many of these sites since they have a negative net return and a growing amount of deferred maintenance work.

I am willing to attempt to meet the recreation needs of Forest visitors to the Mt. Hood National Forest, as discussed in the RFA, by offering these campgrounds and day use sites for concession. The analysis which is documented in the EA shows that the financial viability of a concession operation will be better than traditional Forest Service management; however, there would still be a modest gap between expenses and revenue. I expect that economies of scale resulting from bundling the 28 sites with the other, more economically viable campgrounds that are already under concession will bridge the gap (EA, p. 36).

In the event that these sites prove to be grossly inefficient to manage under concession, it's probable that the Forest will look into a suite of options to improve the overall value of Forest-wide recreational facilities, such as reducing the seasons or days of operation at some sites; decommissioning substandard, redundant, or dilapidated facilities; or seeking new partnerships with potentially interested partners to improve site stewardship. Any major modifications, including closure, to existing recreation sites would require a site-specific environmental analysis and public involvement.

One hundred and thirty-one comments were received from the public on the Preliminary EA for this project. After reading the variety of suggestions, opinions, and expressed concerns, I did not feel as if any of the public comments brought forward a key and/or relevant issue that warranted

the development of additional alternatives. Respondents raised a number of concerns, ranging from expressions of preference regarding socially acceptable uses at Bagby Hot Springs to opinions about the "commercialization" of National Forest System campgrounds (see EA pp. 16-23).

The overarching, common theme of many of the expressed concerns is that concessionaires are not well suited to mange publicly-owned recreational facilities. I understand from both my review of the public comments, as well as from the body of research regarding privatization, that the shift of some services and functions that have been performed by public employees to a private entity is not acceptable to some constituents. However, the Forest has experienced a number of successful partnerships with concessionaires delivering a public service or operating public infrastructure for quite a number of years. The fiscal reality is that the Forest's resources are simply stretched too thin to adequately operate and maintain these sites. And in some cases, such as Bagby Hot Springs, public health and safety would likely be improved under the more frequent operations of a concessionaire.

I greatly appreciate the sense of attachment that many respondents expressed, but I am convinced that the existing organizational model is not a viable financial or managerial option. Therefore, I have decided to select Alternative B, the Proposed Action, because I believe that it has the best chance for the potential continuance of these sites, and the provision of high quality service to our Forest visitors.

### **Project Design Criteria**

My decision also includes the following design criteria (EA pp. 24-25). These design criteria are required actions in the implementation of this decision:

#### **Northern Spotted Owl**

There are no known or predicted spotted owl activity centers (USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service. September, 2008) within the disruption distance of the developed recreation sites in this EA (USDI Fish and Wildlife Service Letter of Concurrence August 2009). If any spotted owls are detected nesting within the disruption distance of one of the proposed recreation sites, covered by this document, in the future, hazard tree falling, and other potentially disruptive activities would be postponed until after the critical breeding period from March 1 through July 15<sup>th</sup>. The disruption distance for various activities is defined in the Letter of Concurrence (USDI Fish and Wildlife Service Letter of Concurrence August 2009). The disruption distance for heavy equipment is 35 yards and 65 yards for chainsaws. There is no disruption distance defined for camping or activities that do not change the ambient noise level for the site. The distance and timing may be modified by the unit wildlife biologist according to the guidelines addressed in the Fish and Wildlife Service Letter of Concurrence. All activities in this document are in accordance to the Revised Recovery Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2011) and the Northwest Forest Plan USDA Forest Service and USDI Bureau of Land Management April 1994).

#### **Weed Free Feed**

The Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service requires that all equestrians use weed free feed (Order No. R6-2009-001 which cites the authority of 36 CFR 261.58(t)). Signs alerting the public to this requirement are posted at all Forest entrances. Additional signing would be posted and maintained by hosts at the equestrian campgrounds considered in this EA.

#### **Heritage Resources**

Ground disturbing activities would be limited to routine repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities such as replacement of fire rings, barrier posts, picnic tables, bulletin boards and patching of parking pads. In the event that evidence is found of any evidence of heritage resource site(s), the concessionaire or Forest staff will halt any use or activity, protect the site and notifiy the Forest Archaeologist. Protection measures would be developed in consultation with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), appropriate Tribes, and, if necessary, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The Forest Archaeologist would review and approve the annual Operating Plan for any cleaning, maintenance or minor repairs of historic structures including washing, painting, or staining. Any major repairs or replacement of historic structure components would undergo separate NEPA analysis and be evaluated and approved by the Forest Archaeologist in consultation with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and if necessary, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

#### **Hazard Trees**

Hazard trees adjacent to campsites and campground facilities are felled for safety. If they are in riparian areas, the Western Oregon Programmatic consultation guide (Guide for Use of Western Oregon Programmatic consultation for routine annual activities that affect ESA-listed anadromous salmonids - NMFS 2011) discusses their disposition. Do not remove downed wood from sites in this category (except to clear trails and where downed wood poses a public risk) within the following distances: (1) 100 feet from streams with LFH (listed fish habitat); (2) 50 feet from perennial and intermittent streams within 1 mile of streams with LFH. For hazard trees to be cut due to trail clearing that are within the areas defined above, fall the trees towards streams where it is feasible to do so, and leave felled trees adjacent to the trails. For sites within this category that are within a distance from streams with LFH equal to one SPTH (SPTH is an abbreviation for site-potential tree height, or the typical maximum height of a tree for a particular type of site. A SPTH for the action area ranges from approximately 150 feet to 250 feet) where human use has compacted soils and/or degraded vegetation, or has increased the percentage of unstable stream bank, retain all downed wood in degraded areas. Take steps to prevent firewood gathering and theft within riparian areas.

Outside of riparian areas, where downed wood is scarce, hazard trees would be saved and scattered on the disturbed areas to help block vehicle access and provide wildlife habitat.

#### All Alternatives Considered in Detail

One action alternative and the no action alternative were analyzed in detail in the EA, along with three alternatives that were considered but eliminated from detailed study (EA pp. 25-26).

Alternative A – No Action: In this alternative, the Forest would initially continue to manage the 22 existing developed recreation sites described in Table 1 below through a combination of Forest Service staff and volunteers. The three administrative sites (Clackamas Lake Compound, Camp Cody, and Spring Drive) would not be available to the public as developed recreation sites. Big Eddy Day-use, Bagby camping area, and Little John Snopark would continue to be available to the public in the summer as dispersed recreation areas with no fee. Ground disturbing activities would be routine repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities such as replacement of fire rings, barrier posts, picnic tables, bulletin boards and patching of parking pads.

Table 1. Mt. Hood National Forest Developed Recreation Sites in No Action Alternative.

Name of Site	Site Type	Location (Lat/Long)*	Past Management
Badger Lake	Campground	45.30496° / 121.55537°	FS Recreation
Bagby Hot Springs	Day-Use	44.93500° / 122.17400°	FS Recreation
Barlow Creek	Campground	45.23600° / 121.62765°	FS Recreation
Barlow Crossing	Campground	45.21788° / 121.61291°	FS Recreation
Black Lake	Campground	45.61800° / 121.76000°	FS Recreation
Bonney Crossing	Campground	45.25674° / 121.39205°	FS Recreation
Bonney Meadow	Campground	45.26548° / 121.58286°	FS Recreation
Clackamas Lake Guard Stn.	Cabin Rental	45.09900° / 121.75100°	FS Recreation
Clear Creek Crossing	Campground	45.14641° / 121.58593°	FS Recreation
Cloud Cap Saddle	Campground	45.40247° / 121.65505°	FS Recreation
Eightmile	Campground	45.40625° / 121.45793°	FS Recreation
Forest Creek	Campground	45.17979° / 121.52461°	FS Recreation
Keeps Mill	Campground	45.15395° / 121.52040°	FS Recreation
Knebal Springs	Campground	45.43583° / 121.48022°	FS Recreation
Little Badger	Campground	45.28209° / 121.34802°	FS Recreation
Lower Eightmile	Campground	45.41361° / 121.44371°	FS Recreation
McCubbins Gulch	Campground	45.11671° / 121.49380°	FS Recreation
Pebble Ford	Campground	45.40024° / 121.46362°	FS Recreation
Rainy Lake	Campground	45.62600° / 121.75883°	FS Recreation
Tilly Jane	Campground	45.39997° / 121.64772°	FS Recreation
Wahtum Lake	Campground	45.57731° / 121.79247°	FS Recreation
White River Station	Campground	45.19984° / 121.60107°	FS Recreation

<sup>\*</sup> GPS Latitude/Longitude Coordinates are decimal/degree format (WGS-84 map datum)

In light of the constrained federal fiscal environment, it is highly likely that some of these sites would be decommissioned following recommendations in the Recreation Facility Analysis (discussed in Section 1.3 of the EA).

Alternative B – Proposed Action: In this alternative, a term special use permit(s) would be issued to a concessionaire(s) for operation and maintenance of the 28 developed recreation sites listed in Table 2 below. The term for a concession permit is customarily five years with the option to non-competitively renew for five additional years if the permit holder has sustained satisfactory performance.

Table 2. Mt. Hood National Forest Developed Recreation Sites in Proposed Action Alternative.

Name of Site	Site Type	Location (Lat/Long)*	Past Management
Badger Lake	Campground	45.30496° / 121.55537°	FS Recreation
Bagby	Campground	44.95400° / 122.16900°	FS Recreation
Bagby Hot Springs	Day-Use	44.93500° / 122.17400°	FS Recreation
Barlow Creek	Campground	45.23600° / 121.62765°	FS Recreation
Barlow Crossing	Campground	45.21788° / 121.61291°	FS Recreation
Big Eddy	Day-Use	45.18200° / 122.17000°	FS Recreation
Black Lake	Campground	45.61800° / 121.76000°	FS Recreation
Bonney Crossing	Campground	45.25674° / 121.39205°	FS Recreation
Bonney Meadow	Campground	45.26548° / 121.58286°	FS Recreation
Camp Cody	Cabin Rental	45.22400° / 121.38200°	FS Administrative
Clackamas Lake Guard Stn.	Cabin Rental	45.09900° / 121.75100°	FS Recreation
Clackamas Lake	Cabin Rental	45.09900° / 121.75100°	FS Administrative
Compound	Cabili Kelitai	45.09900 / 121.75100	13 Administrative
Clear Creek Crossing	Campground	45.14641° / 121.58593°	FS Recreation
Cloud Cap Saddle	Campground	45.40247° / 121.65505°	FS Recreation
Eightmile	Campground	45.40625° / 121.45793°	FS Recreation
Forest Creek	Campground	45.17979° / 121.52461°	FS Recreation
Keeps Mill	Campground	45.15395° / 121.52040°	FS Recreation
Knebal Springs	Campground	45.43583° / 121.48022°	FS Recreation
Little Badger	Campground	45.28209° / 121.34802°	FS Recreation
Little John (Group Cmpgrd)	Campground	45.37100° / 121.56700°	OR State Snopark
Lower Eightmile	Campground	45.41361° / 121.44371°	FS Recreation
McCubbins Gulch	Campground	45.11671° / 121.49380°	FS Recreation
Pebble Ford	Campground	45.40024° / 121.46362°	FS Recreation
Rainy Lake	Campground	45.62600° / 121.75883°	FS Recreation
Spring Drive (RV Cmpgrd)	Campground	45.11500° / 121.51900°	FS Administrative
Tilly Jane	Campground	45.39997° / 121.64772°	FS Recreation
Wahtum Lake	Campground	45.57731° / 121.79247°	FS Recreation
White River Station	Campground	45.19984° / 121.60107°	FS Recreation

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The 22 developed sites that have previously been available to the public would continue to be available in the same manner (either first-come, first-served or reservation). The facilities at Clackamas Lake Compound and Camp Cody would be available to the public as recreation lodging rentals. Spring Drive would be offered as an RV campground with hookups. Little John would be rented during the summer season as a group camp. Bagby camping site would be offered as a developed campground. Big Eddy Day-use would continue to be managed as a

developed sites with facilities and amenities. Ground disturbing activities would be routine repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities such as replacement of fire rings, barrier posts, picnic tables, bulletin boards and patching of parking pads. The concessionaire(s) would manage the sites under existing rules and regulations subject to change through proper administrative procedures. Concessionaire(s) would be primarily responsible for enforcing occupancy rules.

#### **Public Involvement**

The proposal was initially listed in the spring, 2010 (issued April 1, 2010) in the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA), posted on the Forest website at http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/components/reports/sopa-110606-current.pdf (after 1/18/2011 this documents can be found at:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev3\_036387.pdf).

The proposal was also included in the summer (July 1, 2010), fall (October 1, 2010) and winter (January 1, 2011) editions of the SOPA.

In January, 2011, a Preliminary Assessment was issued, and the public was invited to comment for a 30-day period. A public open house was held at the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters Office on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 to discuss the project. Letters and emails received during the 30-day notice and comment period were analyzed, and responses to substantive comments are found in Appendix A of this document.

## **Finding of No Significant Impact**

After considering the environmental effects described in the EA, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment considering the context and intensity of impacts (40 CFR 1508.27). Thus, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. This determination was made considering the following factors:

#### 1. Analysis of the beneficial and adverse impacts:

The beneficial and adverse impacts are disclosed in the EA (pp. 34-40). The action is administrative in nature. No ground disturbing activities (other than routine facility operation and maintenance) will take place as a result of this decision. Routine facility operation and maintenance will take place regardless of this decision. All of the concerns raised during scoping and public comment were social and economic in nature. No physical or biological concerns were raised. While the concerns brought forward are strongly held personal values, beliefs, and opinions, they do not represent significant issues as defined by NEPA.

#### 2. The degree to which the Proposed Action affects public health and safety:

My decision to select the Proposed Action will slightly improve public health and safety. The analysis showed that the improved financial situation in the Proposed Action would be possible

with improvements to visitor services as well. Management presence would be moderately higher under concession management than under recent Forest Service management. The effects of greater management presence will be cleaner restrooms, restrooms stocked regularly with toilet paper, cleaner firerings and picnic tables, and more frequent policing of the sites for litter and safety hazards (EA, p. 37).

#### 3. The unique characteristics of the geographic area:

There will be no significant effects on unique characteristics of the area. The project is not located in prime farmland or rangeland, and will not affect floodplains or wetlands. Wildlife and fish habitat will not be adversely affected (EA, Appendix B).

## 4. The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial:

The effects on the quality of the human environment are not likely to be highly controversial because there is no known scientific controversy over the effects of the project. The types of activities included in my decision have taken place in similar areas, and the resulting effects are well known and understood. I understand that privatization of public parks and recreation areas is not popular (EA, p. 20). In my judgement, however, the social concerns brought forward about concession management are not key or relevant issues as defined by NEPA.

# 5. The degree to which the possible efects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks:

There were no highly uncertain, unique or unknown risks indentified in the Developed Site Concessionaire Permit EA. Activities approved in this decision are routine projects similar to those that have been implemented under the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan over the past 15 years. None are unique or involve unknown risks.

# 6. The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects:

The action is not likely to establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects because this action is not unusual in and of itself, nor does it lead to any further actions that are unique.

## 7. Whether that action is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant impacts:

Each resource effects analysis contained in the EA discusses cumulative effects. None were found to be significant (EA, pp. 36,39,40, and Appendix B).

#### 8. The degree to which the action may affect scientific, cultural, or historical resources:

The action will have no significant adverse effects on districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and it will not

cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources (EA, p. 39).

## 9. The degree to which the action may adversely affect endangered or threatened species or habitat:

A review of the project indicates that there is suitable habitat for several wildlife species that are analyzed: northern spotted owl, great gray owl, red tree vole, Survey and Manage terrestrial mollusks, Management Indicator Species, Land Birds, Sensitive Species, and Special Status Species. Because only minor ground disturbing activities are included in my decision, there will be no direct, indirect or cumulative effects to any of the species analyzed as a result of this project (EA, Appendix B).

Determinations for the Proposed Action were made as a result of analysis at fifth field scales. The checklist for *Documenting Environmental Baseline and Effects of Proposed Action(s) on Relevant Indicators* was consulted for this project. There would be no measurable change from baseline conditions resulting from issuance of this special use permit and no adverse effect on aquatic habitat or listed species. The rationale for this is based on the administrative nature of this special use permit and the lack of on the ground activities associated with its issuance. There will be "No Effect" on TES species and "No Impact" on Forest Service Regional Forester's Special Status Species. Due to the administrative nature of this special use permit, no cumulative effects were identified (EA, Appendix B).

Consistency with Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) of the Northwest Forest Plan and Essential Fish Habitat: The proposed action meets the attainment of ACS Objectives in the long term at the landscape level by maintaining all of the features addressed by the ACS (EA, Appendix B).

Due to the administrative nature of the actions considered, the Proposed Action to issue concessionaire permit(s) would have No Adverse Affect on Essential Fish Habitat for Chinook and coho salmon under the 1996 Amendment to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) (EA, Appendix B).

No known proposed, endangered, threatened, and sensitive vascular plant, bryophyte, lichen and fungi (PETS) species are present within the developed recreation sites (EA, Appendix B).

#### 10. Whether the action threatens a violation of environmental laws or requirements:

Discussion of compliance with environmental laws and requirements is identified in the preceding paragraph and in the following section on compliance with other laws and regulations. This project will not violate any environmental laws and regulations.

## Findings Required by Other Law and Regulations

<u>National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):</u> I find that the process of informing the public, conducting analysis, and documentation of the analysis was undertaken in accordance with the regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and policy in Forest Service Manual 1950 and Forest

Service Handbook 1909.15. There were several opportunities for public involvement during the course of the analysis (EA p. 16). I used the comments received during scoping and in response to the Preliminary EA to make my decision.

<u>National Forest Management Act (NFMA):</u> I find the Proposed Action, to be consistent with the goals, objectives, standards and guidelines of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Mt. Hood National Forest, as amended (EA p. 15).

This decision is administrative in nature, and there are no direct, indirect, or cumulative effects to the physical or biological environment. Therefore, I find that the decision complies with the following laws: Endangered Species Act; National Historic Preservation Act; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; Safe Drinking Water Act.

The decision is consistent with both Forest and Regional direction regarding invasive species management (EA p. 26).

I have decided that no additional roads analysis is necessary to make this decision (FSM 7712.15).

## **Appeal Rights, Implementation, and Contact Information**

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Regulations at 36 CFR Part 215. Appeals must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14, Appeal Content. A notice of appeal must be postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the date legal notice of this decision is published in *The Oregonian*. The publication date of the legal notice in *The Oregonian* is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal and those wishing to appeal should not rely on dates or timeframes provided by any other source.

The Appeal Deciding Officer is the Regional Forester. An appeal should be addressed to the Regional Forester at any of the following addresses. For postal delivery, mail to: Regional Forester, Appeal Deciding Officer, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208. The street location for those submitting hand-delivered appeals is 333 SW First Ave., Portland, OR. The office hours are 8-4:30 M-F, excluding holidays. For fax, send to 503-808-2339. Appeals may be emailed to: <a href="majorateleoorgane-appeals-pacific-northwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us">appeals-pacific-northwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us</a>. Emails submitted to email addresses other than the one listed above, or in formats other than those listed, or containg viruses, will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the appellant to confirm receipt of appeals submitted by electronic mail.

For further information regarding these appeal procedures, contact Forest Environmental Coordinator Michelle Lombardo at 503-668-1796.

## **Project Implementation**

Implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from close of the 45-day appeal filing period described above. If an appeal is filed, implementation may not occur for 15 business days following the date of appeal disposition (36 CFR 215.10). The Forest

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Supervisor will be the agency official responsible for the project's implementation.

The EA can be downloaded from the Forest website at:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/projects.

## **Contact Information**

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