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i do not support this logging thinning project which is an assault on public land owned by 335,000,000 americans who mostly support protecting our national land for nature and the value of nature in preserving our lives and the necessity of having trees standing to produce oxygen, prevent flooding, provide shade, and use up carbon, as well as the value by rivers to fish populations and homes for birds, wildlife. this logging project is about greed, selfishness, govt corruption in havin far too close relations wiht profiteers and forgetting they have any obligation at all to the entire citizenry of the united states. this is not idaho land. this is federal land. it all this road consturciotn is in fact a tax increase to all of us. we have to pay for those roads to be laid down and for reconstruction and that in itself is an assault on the forest health. trees have roots that intertwine and cutting them down creatuers loss of neighbors/trees. they spport each other so the effect sof this stupid thinning hurts so many more trees than the ones the moneymaking touch.  
stop this assault on the citizens land now please. the gov must respond to the people. we are sick of being mauled by a corrupt govt that only makes deals with rich corporations and individuals to destroy. jean publee [jeanpublic1@gmail.com](mailto:jeanpublic1@gmail.com)

On Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 7:15 AM USDA Forest Service <[forestservice@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:forestservice@public.govdelivery.com)> wrote:

The public scoping comment period is now open for the Sandpoint South Project.

The Sandpoint South project area is located in Bonner County, Idaho on the Sandpoint Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF). The project area is west of Lake Pend Oreille and south of the Pend Oreille River in portions of T53N to T57N, R4W to R1W, with most of the proposed treatment units located east of Highway 95 between Sagle, Green Bay, and Bayview. Primary access to the project area is via Highway 95 between Athol and Sandpoint. The IPNF is proposing to reduce fuels on 8,334 acres across a 174,347-acre project area to decrease wildfire impacts on resource values and private land. The project area encompasses State lands, private lands, and lands managed by IPNF, the proposed fuels reduction actions would only occur on lands managed by the IPNF. Access to some treatment units would be through State and private lands.

The purpose and need of this project is to reduce fuels through fuels and vegetation treatments. Fuels treatments would be utilized when fuels objectives can be met without timber harvest, where topography limits harvest feasibility, or in areas where timber harvest was completed in past projects and maintenance fuels treatments would enable the stands to retain desired fuels conditions. Fuels treatment methods proposed include natural fuels burning, slashing, piling and/or mastication, and fuel break units. Within certain conditions, vegetation treatments are the most effective method in meeting fuels reduction objectives, while also providing wood products. Vegetation treatments include intermediate and regeneration harvests, and where appropriate pre-commercial thinning. Specific unit prescriptions would be developed during the next phase of the project.

The proposed action includes fuels treatments on 3,520 acres, pre-commercial thinning of 528 acres and timber harvest on 4,285 acres. To access the units there would be approximately 20 miles of road maintenance, 84 miles of road reconstruction, 7 miles of new road construction, 0.5 miles of temporary road construction and 0.8 miles of road decommissioning in the Blacktail Mountain backcountry roadless area. All temporary roads would be rehabilitated after project activities are complete.

A notice of the proposed action and maps are available on-line at: [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67684](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67684).

The Responsible Official for this project is Christopher Noyes, Acting Ranger, Sandpoint Ranger District.

Please review the information in the scoping document and provide us with your comments. The interdisciplinary team will be conducting an analysis of potential environmental effects in the coming months, and all comments received will be considered.

Your comments are valuable in helping identify issues and concerns, refine the proposed action and the environmental analyses. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

### **How to Comment and Timeframe**

Specific written comments (§218.2) on the scoping documents will be accepted for 30 calendar days following public notification of the legal notice in the Coeur d'Alene Press (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the scoping comment period.

Electronic comments can be submitted through CARA (Comment Analysis and Response Application) using the following web address: [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67684](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67684). On the right side of the page under the Get Connected tab click on Comment/Object on Project and then submit your comments via the form on this page.

Written comments must be submitted via mail, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: District Ranger, Sandpoint Ranger District, 1602 Ontario Street, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, Phone: (208) 263-5111.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection.

Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Jen Cinq-Mars, Project Leader, at (406) 499-4332 or email: [jennifer.cinq-mars@usda.gov](mailto:jennifer.cinq-mars@usda.gov).

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