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Supervisor Lannom:

The Payette Forest Coalition (PFC) has reviewed the DEIS for the Huckleberry Restoration Project. In general, we find Alternative 2 to most closely align with the PFC Recommendations Report adopted by consensus on August 18, 2016 and submitted to Forest Service November 11, 2016. The members conclude that the alternative can be improved by addressing the topics below in the FEIS:

- Include the proposed Lynes Point trail and Huntley Gulch loop from Alternative 3.
- Outside of the Lick Creek watershed and Bull trout habitat in the Bear and Indian Creek watersheds, we recommend providing additional seasonal access by incorporating some routes included in Alternative 3 via use of effective seasonal road closures instead of long-term closure, Maintenance Level 1 closure, or road decommissioning where possible. Determining whether effective seasonal closure is possible should be based upon whether motorized entry can be successfully prevented outside of a road's seasonal use.
- We would like to reemphasize the Coalition's vegetation treatment recommendations in regard to tree species composition, stand ages, stand structures, fuel loading, and patch size and arrangement on the landscape. When there is a choice to achieve vegetation and habitat objectives, including tree size, density and species composition objectives, insect and disease-infected trees should be removed and healthy trees retained.
- We ask that measures be taken to protect whitebark pine seedlings when implementing treatments in and around whitebark pine stands.
- The Coalition recommends that management of white-headed woodpecker habitat in PVGs 1, 2 and 5 be done in a manner consistent with monitoring data (Saab et al, June 2019)<sup>1</sup>.
- We support the use of shaded fuel breaks proposed in Alternative 2 as well as strategic use of additional shaded fuel breaks within the project area as long as doing so does not compromise other project objectives.

The Payette Forest Coalition appreciates the work of the Interdisciplinary Team on the design and analysis of this project. We look forward to successful implementation and monitoring.

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<sup>1</sup> White-headed Woodpeckers in the Weiser-Little Salmon CFLRP, June 14, 2019 Payette Forest Coalition Meeting, <http://payetteforestcoalition.org/monitoring.html>



## Payette Forest Coalition Consensus Decision on the Comment Letter

The Coalition members approved the comment letter with an online vote tabulated below. The outcome of the ballot met the consensus standard adopted in the PFC's Decision Process which allows one dissenting vote. Please note the minority position of the one dissenting member.

Timestamp	Name	Organization	Do you support the PFC comment letter on the DEIS for the Huckleberry Project?
7/25/2019 7:16:11	Lin Davis	Circle C Ranches	Enthusiastically support
7/25/2019 8:38:19	Gloria Pippin	Heartland Back Country Horsemen	Enthusiastically support
7/25/2019 10:42:46	Regan Berkley	Idaho Department of Fish and Game	Yes, can live with it
7/25/2019 13:45:50	Rick Tholen	Society of American Foresters	Enthusiastically support
7/25/2019 15:16:58	Mac Lefebvre	Idaho forest group	Yes, can live with it
7/26/2019 13:56:32	John Lewinski	Citizen	Yes, can live with it
7/27/2019 0:53:18	Ron Hamilton	Adams County Natural Resources Committee	Yes, can live with it
7/29/2019 14:07:55	Rachel Vandenburg	Woodgrain Millwork	Enthusiastically support
7/29/2019 15:17:09	John Robison	Idaho Conservation League	Enthusiastically support
7/29/2019 15:20:48	Jim Wassmuth	Evergreen Forest	Yes, can live with it
7/30/2019 14:46:59	Michael Gibson	Trout Unlimited	Enthusiastically support
7/30/2019 14:50:43	Mike Paradis	Adams County	No, can't live with it



### **Minority Position (Mike Paradis)**

I would like to see much more vegetative management in the Cuprum WUI. There are numerous road systems within the WUI boundaries for access, and some temp roads could be utilized also. The Adams County Fire Mitigation Plan was updated in 2016 to better address fire tendencies with a more common sense approach for fire prevention and reduction in severity for fire prone communities.

Other than that I can support the rest of the project.