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Re: West End Farm Bill CE Project

Dear Mr. Houck,

Baker County supports the West End project and the utilization of the categorical exclusion (CE) process.

The County encourages the Forest Service to remove trees of any species, age or diameter that are affected by disease or insects. While 3,000 acres is only a small number of acres affected by disease and insects within the National Forests, it falls into the CE category, thereby reducing the amount of NEPA required prior to it being implemented, and has the potential improve the areas that are addressed.

Baker County appreciates the opportunity to provide input. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bill Harvey, Chair
Baker County Commission