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Comments: Re: Scattered Lands Project Comments

Dear Ms. Norton:

Stimson Lumber Company welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Scattered Lands Project.

Stimson is a vertically integrated forest products company operating six sawmills in the states of Oregon and Idaho. Stimson also owns and manages 425,000 acres of timberland in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Of that acreage, 160,000 acres are located in Idaho. The Scattered Lands Project encompasses lands owned by Stimson.

Stimson supports the assessment of the needs of this project and is supportive of all the Proposed Actions. We have provided some specific comments below.

Fuel and Forest Treatments

As a landowner with significant acreage bordered by the Scattered Lands Project, Stimson would like to see treatments that work to protect our lands from wildfire. Stimson is supportive of shaded fuel breaks throughout the project that would help slow the progress of wildfire. Breaks of 300 feet wide should be wide enough to slow down or stop a fast moving wildfire. These fuel breaks could be tied to a road adding additional width and accessibility for firefighters.

In regards to commercial treatments along shared ownership lines, Stimson suggests reducing the basal area low enough to stop a crown fire from spreading. As treatment areas converge on a shared border, the residual basal area should be reduced to help slow a fire. A gradual reduction in basal area 300 feet from the border is suggested. This would also apply to non-commercial treatments such as precommercial thinning. Stimson is supportive of creating openings larger than 40 acres in size. The large openings create a forest stand that is manageable in the future and reduces forest fragmentation.

Roads

Stimson believes that a well thought-out road system provides the accessibility needed to stop wildfires. Stimson is supportive that 18 miles of roads will be put into storage instead of being obliterated. These roads can be used for future forest management or opened up for emergency use.

Stimson is supportive of the use of temporary roads. These provide temporary access for forest management. When no longer needed they would be obliterated thus reducing the chance of future sedimentation.

Other

Please give some consideration for the local community to gather household use firewood as part of this project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Scattered Lands Project. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

Sincerely,

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