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SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST



July 22, 2015

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor's Office
Attn: Invasive Species Project
2647 Kimberly Road East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Re: Sawtooth and Boise National Forests
Invasive Plant Impact Statement
Initial Scoping Comments

Forest Supervisor:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned item. Tree Top Ranches, LP owns significant rangelands surrounded by and adjacent to Sawtooth and Boise National Forest lands. We are also the Permittee for several USFS Grazing Allotments within your respective districts. We respectfully offer the following comments:

1. We support, appreciate and commend the Sawtooth and Boise NF offices for pursuing an invasive weed control strategy and action plan. The invasive weed situation is a critical concern and threatens to displace many native species—and is a major contributing factor to wildfires; and
2. In terms of the priority for treatment areas, we believe consideration should be given to areas where adjacent landowners are taking action. In many places, a non-federal landowner may engage in an expensive and expansive control projects only to have the invasive species re-infest from adjacent federal lands. We believe this consideration should be incorporated into the "Treatment Priority and Strategy" component of the Strategy.

Again, we commend the NF offices for your pursuit of this crucial forest/rangeland challenge.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Bill Mulder at our Boise offices at 208/377-0998 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Williams", is written over a horizontal line.

Larry Williams
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