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On behalf of myself and Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Claire Lavendel, I am pleased to announce the release of "*Site-Specific Invasive Plant Treatment Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision and Forest Plan Amendment #20.*" The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) includes detailed analysis of alternatives for treating invasive plants on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Record of Decision (ROD) documents our rationale for my selection of Alternative B.

Planning for this project has been ongoing for several years. The Forest Service has worked closely with other agencies and the public to develop an effective program that minimizes adverse effects to the environment and people. I intend to implement this project starting this summer for the next five or more years. My decision is subject to administrative appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeal instructions are detailed in the ROD.

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Thank you for your interest in the management of our National Forest lands.

Sincerely,



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