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Dear Interested Citizen:

The Woods Creek Stewardship Thin Environmental Analysis (EA) is now available for public review and comment. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District proposes to thin and restore up to 541 acres in the Woods Late-Successional Reserve (LSR). Commercial thinning is proposed on up to 412 acres of managed stands that are less than 50 years old, from which up to 3.8 million board feet of timber would be harvested. Additionally, six restoration projects are proposed including snag and down wood creation, road closures, stabilization and decommissioning, riparian and floodplain restoration, riparian conifer release, western red cedar underplanting, and salmon rearing habitat restoration. The project is located in the Lower Cispus River watershed south of Randle in T 11 N, R 7 E, Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26; T 12 N, R 7 E Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33; and T 12 N, R 8 E, Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, and 20; Willamette Meridian, Lewis County, Washington. This notice announces the availability of the EA for a 30-day comment period. Copies may be downloaded from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/04projects/>. The EA is also available on compact disk as well as a very limited number of printed copies. These alternate formats are available upon request at the address listed below.

Comments on the EA will be considered by the Responsible Official when making the decision whether to implement the proposed action or one of the alternative actions, whether to defer action, or whether there will be significant impacts, which would require the development of an environmental impact statement. Written comments are accepted by mail:

District Ranger
USFS, Cowlitz Valley Ranger Station
PO Box 670
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Comments will also be accepted electronically in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to the following email address: comments-pacificnorthwest-giffordpinchot-cowlitzvalley@fs.fed.us. Individuals and organizations wishing to comment must provide the following: 1) name and address, 2) title of the proposed action, and 3) specific substantive comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. Comments will be accepted for thirty (30) days following the date on this letter. For further information, please contact Kristie Miller, District Ranger by phone (360) 497-1105, or by email at klmiller@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kristy Boscheinen
for

KRISTIE L. MILLER
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