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**PACIFIC Northwest Region,
Invasive Plant Program
Preventing and Managing
Invasive Plants
USDA Forest Service, Pacific
Northwest Region**

On October 11, 2005, Regional Forester Linda Goodman signed a Record of Decision adding invasive plant management direction to all National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) in the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service (Region Six - including the States of Oregon and Washington, portions of Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties in California, and portions of Nez Perce, Salmon, Idaho, and Adams Counties in Idaho). The decision adds four types of management direction to the Forest Plans in Region Six: 1) a desired future condition statement, 2) goals and objectives; 3) standards for preventing invasive plants and treating/restoring infested sites; and 4) an inventory and monitoring framework. Four alternatives (Proposed Action, No Action, Alternative B, Alternative D) were analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Program (April 2005).

The Regional Forester decided to adopt most of the components of the Proposed Action in the FEIS, with some modifications. Most of the modifications were wording changes intended to improve the clarity of a given standard, with the following three exceptions: 1) Standard 4 was adopted from Alternative B, rather than from the Proposed Action. This standard will require weed-free (or pelletized) feed for pack stock, first within Wilderness areas and trailheads, and later within all National Forest system lands in Region Six. 2) Standard 10, which referenced draft national policy relating to off highway vehicle, was not adopted. 3) Standard 17, which would have required specific documentation when using herbicides, was not adopted.

The modified Proposed Action was selected because it will decrease the rate of spread of invasive plants while avoiding or minimizing adverse impacts on land uses, human health and the environment.

This decision will result in a non-significant amendment to all National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans in Region Six. Decisions to approve, amend, or revise Land and Resource Management Plans are subject to appeal under the 36 CFR 217 regulations. Written notices of appeal must be filed within 45 days of the date this legal notice is published.

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Complete instructions for appellants are given at 36 CFR 217.9. The Record of Decision, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and appendices are available on request and are posted on the Region Six website:

www.fs.fed.us/r6/invasive-plant-eis.

For further information about this proposal or appeals procedures, contact

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