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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN
FINAL DECISIONS - STEP 3

Name (MFP)	Little Lost-Birch Creek	
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Decision #1: (F1.1)

Offer for sale an average of 60 MBF per year from approximately 1232 acres of productive forest land within the planning unit, all occupied by inland Douglas-fir. Timber sale efforts will be concentrated in (1) Donkey Hills, T. 10 N., R. 25 E., Sections 7, 8, 9, 10; (2) Sands Canyon, T. 7 N., R. 27 E., Section 16; (3) Skull Canyon, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., Section 29; (4) Goddard Canyon, T. 10 N., R. 30 E., Section 33 and T. 9 N., R. 30 E., Section 3; (5) Long Canyon, T. 9 N., R. 30 E., Section 2.

Reasons:

Approximately 4562 acres of coniferous forest lands in the unit are suitable for management of sustained yield timber production. Over 60 percent of the forest land acreage in the unit are more than 120 years old and 80 percent are over 100 years of age. This indicates mature or over-mature stands that should be harvested to avoid loss of timber through reduced growth, decadence, disease, or insects. Natural or artificial reforestation would follow harvest to insure a future supply of timber.

Hawley Mountain and Donkey Hills areas were ~~dropped~~ because conventional logging is not possible due to the terrain and because helicopter logging has become economically unfeasible.

deleted from timber management

Note: Attach additional sheets, if needed

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Recommendation F 1.2 has been dropped because helicopter logging is no longer economically practical for this area, and is not anticipated to be so in the foreseeable future.

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Decision #2: (F1.3)

Do a precommercial thinning on approximately 40 acres in Sands Canyon,
T. 8 N., R. 27 E., Section 16.

Reasons

Recent literature indicates that precommercial thinning can potentially
increase timber yield by 30 percent over the same growing period.
Properly timed precommercial thinnings contribute to the health and
vigor of the timber stands.

Hawley Mountain is within a wilderness study area and is being managed
under the Interim Management guidelines for WSA's. It has been ex-
cluded from intensive forestry practices.

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Decision #3: (F-1.4)

Establish ^{pic} commercial thinning projects on approximately 40 acres ~~in~~ ON
~~Sands Canyon~~, T. 9 N., R. ~~27~~ E., Section ~~26~~ 19, 24
HAWLEY MOUNTAIN. 266 J

Reasons:

This stand is in an overstocked condition, with the trees within the stand in direct competition for growing space, nutrients and available moisture. Thinning will provide for utilization of most of the trees that are cut, and at the same time increase the growth rate of the remaining timber, and allow the site to approach maximum productivity.

Hawley Mountain has been excluded from intensive forest management practices due to its potential wilderness study area status.

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Decision #4: (F-1.5)

Initiate a controlled burning program on approximately 2500 to 3000 acres of productive forest lands on Bassinger Canyon and Taylor Mountain.

Reasons:

Although most of these lands have been placed in deferred management, the timber in these areas are decadent, overmature, and in some cases heavily disease ridden. Most of the stands have a heavy duff and litter buildup, preventing new seedlings from coming in and replenishing the stands with healthy trees.

The propose of the controlled burning is to reduce ground litter buildup underneath the forest stands and to prepare a more suitable seedbed for natural revegetation.

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Decision # 5: (F 2.1)

Protect the 3330 acres of productive forest land designated for deferred management. Conventional harvest methods are restricted, with minimal use of these areas to be authorized.

Reasons:

The designation as deferred management areas do not preclude intensive management practices, but reduce priority for treatments until better techniques are developed to reduce the potential damage to the land and maintain productivity of the soil. Economic considerations also limit management activities on these lands.

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