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Subject: Order to Implement Weed-Free Feed in the Pacific Northwest Region

To: Regional Forester

Enclosed is Regional Order R6-2009-001 for your signature. This Order applies to all National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the National Forest System in the Pacific Northwest Region in the States of Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho. The Order prohibits possession or storing hay and crop products (any hay, hay cubes, straw, grain or other crop or mulch product) that are not state certified weed-free [36 CFR 261.58(t)]. This Order is an implementation action for the record of decision that was signed in October 2005 for the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Invasive Plant Program-Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants*. This decision established invasive plant prevention standards that apply to all National Forest System lands in the Pacific Northwest Region. Standard #4 requires use of state certified weed-free hay or crop products on all National Forest System lands within the Pacific Northwest Region.

This order will also eliminate the need for Regional Order R6-2007-001 that was implemented in 2007 prohibiting possession or storing hay and crop products (any hay, hay cubes, straw, grain or other crop or mulch product) that are not state certified weed-free within Congressionally-designated Wildernesses with Region 6. The 2009 Order includes all lands within Region 6, including Congressionally-designated Wilderness.

An enclosed communication plan has been developed with the Public Affairs staff (Tom Knappenberger) and Natural Resources staff (primarily Shawna Bautista). If you have any questions, please contact Marti Marshall at 503-808-2438 or Gail Throop at 503-808-2443 of my staff; or Dan Hawkes, LE & I, at 360-891-5276.

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Enclosure

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