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Preface

Document Structure

The Forest Service has prepared this environmental impact statement in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant Federal laws and regulations. This environmental impact statement discloses the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts that would result from the proposed action and alternatives. The document is organized into four chapters:

- *Chapter 1*. Purpose of and Need for Action: The chapter includes information on the history of the project proposal, the purpose of and need for the project, and the agency's proposal for achieving that purpose and need. This section also details how the Forest Service informed the public of the proposal and how the public responded.
- *Chapter 2*. Alternatives, including the Proposed Action: This chapter provides a more detailed description of the agency's proposed action as well as the no-action alternative and other alternative methods for achieving the stated purpose. These alternatives were developed based on cause/effect relationships raised by the public and other agencies. This discussion also includes mitigation measures. Finally, this section provides a summary table of the environmental consequences associated with each alternative.
- *Chapter 3.* Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences: This chapter describes the environmental effects of implementing the proposed action and other alternatives. This analysis is organized by components of the ecological, social, and political environment.
- *Chapter 4*. Consultation and Coordination: This chapter provides a list of preparers and agencies consulted during the development of the environmental impact statement.
- *Appendices:* The appendices are in a separate document and provide more detailed information to support the analyses presented in the environmental impact statement.
- *Index:* The index provides page numbers by document topic.

Additional documentation, including detailed analyses of resources in the project area, are in the project planning record located at the Lincoln Ranger District Office, Lincoln, Montana.

Summary of Changes from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Changes to the draft environmental impact statement that led to the development of this document were based on new information, and comments from the public and other agencies on the draft EIS (appendix A). The more substantive changes include the following:

- Updates to wildlife habitat information based on new information and database updates, including big game hiding cover and road information effects.
- Mapping corrections and corresponding acre corrections.
- Clarification of project design features
- Incorporation of new information and consideration of additional literature.
- Addition of the response to comments submitted for the DEIS, updating appendix A.

- Soils analysis detrimental soil disturbance calculations were revised based on information gathered following national and regional soil monitoring protocols.
- Field inventories were conducted in 2014 to gather more cultural resource data within the Stonewall Project area.