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Dear Forest User

A decision for the Kahler Dry Forest Restoration Project has been made. The Record of Decision and all accompanying documents can be viewed at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40712>.

The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been edited to correct typographical errors and to include the effects analysis from the Fisheries Specialist Report (Appendix C), which was erroneously left out of the previous final EIS. Because these edits are simple corrections, no additional objection period will be conducted.

An Errata has also been prepared to disclose errors in the appendices to the final EIS. This decision was reached after discussions with the four parties that submitted an objection during the objection period. Three of the objections were resolved, and those objections were formally withdrawn. Some of the objections (as depicted on the Record of Decision map) were:

- Trees greater than 21 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) will not be harvested with this decision.
- Satisfactory cover, marginal cover, and the habitat effectiveness index within Kahler Basin and Monument Elk Winter Ranges (Management Area C3) will not be reduced below existing levels.)
- Activities will be restricted in the vicinity of a recently discovered active golden eagle nest in coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Drop Commercial Treatments in Class IV Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas and allow for NCT to include: removal of 9" DBH and below; along with all Juniper under 21".
- Within Fairview Campground, management area CG-1, change treatment to NCT, no commercial harvest.
- Drop from commercial treatment these units or portions of units that have no evidence of past management – west end of Unit 71, Unit 73, and Unit 91.

Negotiations with objectors resulted in the following:

- Acres dropped from commercial treatment: 764
- Total acres commercially treated in draft Record of Decision 7,930; Total acres following resolution 7,166
- Total volume change is a reduction of approximately 137,000 board feet.

If you would like a hard copy of the Record of Decision and/or Volume 1 of the final EIS, please contact John Evans, Forest Environmental Coordinator, 72510 Coyote Road, Pendleton, OR 97801, 541-278-3869, or johnhevens@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,


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