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Pat Beherns
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Bonners Ferry, ID

Dear Pat,

Thank you for accepting these brief comments from the Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society on the Northern Prairie EA.

Our chapter supports the goal of increasing the viability of seral tree species in our North Idaho forests. We encourage you to look at chunking as an alternative to burning slash in some instances. Not only does it reduce air pollution, it can return woody debris to the forest floor in a readily usable manner. Understory burning is designed to mimic natural forces, but is often conducted in the spring rather than fall when nature would do the deed. We ask for monitoring areas that have been burned in the spring to determine impact on any sensitive populations.

We support closing 11 miles of roadway. Roadways are highways for weed invasion and it is far easier to prevent weeds than fight them when established. We ask that all methods be used to minimize the spread of weeds throughout this project.

Sincerely,

Molly O'Reilly
Chair, Conservation Committee