

To: Bureau of Land Management  
Prineville Field Office  
3050 N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Prineville, OR 97754

Re: 5800.2  
EA# OR-054-02-083  
Little Canyon Mountain Fuels Reduction Project

From: Stan and Ann Bird  
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May 27, 2003

Dear Mr. Tippy

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning document. My wife and I have our home on property adjacent to the project area and within the Wildland-Urban Interface Zone so we are very interested in which alternative is selected.

We agree with your findings of no significant impact and with your defined primary focus and aim.

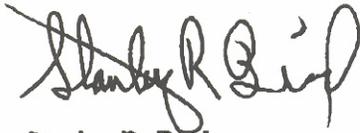
We find alternative F to be the best alternative proposed. Targeting of dead and dying Beetle infested trees was an absolute necessity of any acceptable alternative for us and we support an aggressive approach here, both for fuels reduction and forest health reasons. Removal of this material and piling and burning of smaller trees and slash will also improve fire prevention and suppression opportunities for the future.

We support targeting of Juniper to remove competition for conifers.

We also like the fact that this alternative provides for a more flexible use of basal area to reflect differing stand configurations while also increasing spacing of Pine, mixed conifer, and Doug fir stands. We also support the necessity for providing wildlife "thickets".

We also strongly support closing of the "pit" to vehicles over 50 inches in width. We have observed much damage to this area by four-wheel drive vehicles as well as vandalism and dumping of garbage. This is a party area for local youth and has been a problem at times for loud vehicles and loud music at night. We have also observed two escaped party campfires that threatened the area, both occurring during times of high fire danger when no reasonable person would have taken such risk. We have also observed use by motorcyclists and four wheelers and find these users to be of no real concern other than we would like to see a buffer along private land boundaries. This is an excellent area for ORV use and should be developed further for this kind of use.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley R. Bird". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Stanley R. Bird