

## Attachment 1 - New BLM Administrative Forestry CE Language

### Forest and Woodland Density CE

516 DM 1, Appendix 2, Section 11.9 C:

- (11) *\*Modification of tree density up to 5,000 acres of treatment area. Does not include silvicultural methods that are intended to regenerate whole stands, such as even-aged regeneration harvest, clearcutting, or variable retention harvest, or vegetation management intended to convert forest or woodlands to non-forest vegetation cover.*
- (a) *Covered actions include:*
- (i) *Cutting, yarding, and the use of landings and skid trails to facilitate the removal of commercial and non-commercial trees.*
  - (ii) *Chipping/grinding or removal of residual slash.*
  - (iii) *Group selection silvicultural treatment to promote regeneration of shade-intolerant species and early successional habitat in an uneven-aged context not to exceed 2-acre individual patches and 10 percent of the treatment area. Group selection openings will retain overstory legacy elements consistent with the applicable land use plan (e.g., large fire-resilient trees, snags).*
  - (iv) *Pile burning or underburning of fuels created by covered actions described in subparagraphs (i)-(iii) of this paragraph and fuels within or in close proximity to those actions' treatment boundaries whether created by those actions or not.*
  - (v) *Seeding or planting necessary to accelerate native species re-establishment.*
- (b) *Such actions:*
- (i) *Must not exceed 5 miles of new permanent road construction to facilitate the covered actions.*
  - (ii) *May include maintenance and renovation of existing roads as needed.*
  - (iii) *May include construction of temporary roads not to exceed a ratio of 2.5 miles per 1,000 acres of treatment area as needed, provided they are not part of the bureau's permanent transportation system, are designed to standards appropriate for their intended use (safety, erosion control, sedimentation prevention, and resource protection), are not needed for long-term resource management, and are decommissioned and stabilized after use to minimize erosion and protect water quality.*
  - (iv) *Must disclose design features in documentation of finding that an action is excluded pursuant to this categorical exclusion that address the following resource considerations and specify how these considerations are addressed:*
    - (1) *Snag and downed wood – amount to be created or retained;*
    - (2) *Erosion control – specifications or measures (e.g., water bars, dispersed slash);*
    - (3) *Soil compaction – criteria for avoidance, minimization, or remediation;*
    - (4) *Logging systems – types and scope of constraints (e.g., seasonal, location, extent, etc.);*
    - (5) *Seasonal operations – purpose and extent of operating restrictions;*
    - (6) *Invasive species – measures to prevent or limit spread;*

- (7) *Riparian areas – buffer widths and/or operating restrictions;*
- (8) *Prescribed fire – operating constraints for underburning or pile burning;*  
*and*
- (9) *Temporary roads – decommissioning standards.*

(c) *Definitions:*

- (i) *Permanent road: A road constructed or reconstructed and managed as part of the bureau's permanent transportation system.*
- (ii) *Temporary road: A road authorized by contract, permit, lease, written authorization, or emergency operation, not added to the permanent system, and decommissioned after use.*
- (iii) *Group selection: An uneven-aged harvest method where groups of trees are removed to promote spatial heterogeneity, regeneration of desired tree species, or the establishment of new cohorts.*

## **Salvage CE**

### **516 DM 1, Appendix 2, Section 11.9 (C)**

- (10) *\*Salvage harvesting of dead and dying trees resulting from fire, insects, disease, drought, or other disturbances, not to exceed 1,000 acres where the disturbance affects 3,000 acres of bureau-managed lands or less, and not to exceed the lesser of 5,000 acres or 1/3 of the disturbance area where the disturbance exceeds 3,000 acres of bureau-managed lands.*

(a) *Covered actions:*

- (i) *Cutting, yarding, and removal of dead or dying trees.*
- (ii) *Cutting, yarding, and removal of live trees needed for operations, landings, skid trails, or road clearing.*
- (iii) *Chipping/grinding or removal of residual slash.*
- (iv) *Jackpot burning, pile burning, and underburning.*
- (v) *Seeding or planting necessary to accelerate native species re-establishment.*

(b) *Such actions:*

- (i) *Must not exceed 1 mile of permanent road construction to facilitate the covered actions, and all segments must conform to applicable land use planning decisions with route specific designations disclosed where travel management planning has been completed.*
- (ii) *May include maintenance and renovation of existing roads as needed.*
- (iii) *May include construction of temporary roads not to exceed a ratio of 2.25 miles per 1,000 acres of harvest as needed, provided they are not part of the bureau's permanent transportation system, are designed to standards appropriate for their intended use (safety, erosion control, sedimentation prevention, and resource protection), are not needed for long-term resource management, and are decommissioned and stabilized after use to minimize erosion and protect water quality.*
- (iv) *Must disclose design features in documentation for this categorical exclusion*

*that address the following resource considerations, consistent with applicable land use planning decisions, or, where no plan requirements apply, and specify how these considerations are addressed:*

- (1) Snag and downed wood – amount to be created or retained;*
- (2) Erosion control – specifications or measures (e.g., water bars, dispersed slash);*
- (3) Soil compaction – criteria for avoidance, minimization, or remediation;*
- (4) Logging systems – types and scope of constraints (e.g., seasonal, location, extent, etc.);*
- (5) Seasonal operations – purpose and extent of operating restrictions;*
- (6) Invasive species – measures to prevent or limit spread;*
- (7) Riparian areas – buffer widths and/or operating restrictions;*
- (8) Prescribed fire – operating constraints for underburning or pile burning;*  
*and*
- (9) Temporary roads – decommissioning standards;*

*(c) Definitions:*

- (i) Dying tree: A standing tree severely damaged by disturbance (e.g., fire, wind, insects, disease, drought) and, in the judgment of a forestry professional or someone technically trained for the work, is likely to die within two years.*
- (ii) Permanent road: A road constructed or reconstructed for use as part of the bureau's permanent transportation system.*
- (iii) Temporary road: A road authorized by contract, permit, lease, written authorization, or emergency operation, not added to the permanent system, and decommissioned after use.*