

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND DECISION RECORD

June 6, 2011

Carbaryl Use in the Butte Field Office

Environmental Assessment MT (BLM-MT-B070-2011-0040-EA)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DETERMINATION

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the Carbaryl Use in the Butte Field Office environmental assessment, and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR 1508.27, I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

DECISION

I have decided to approve the Carbaryl Use in the Butte Field Office Programmatic EA as described in the Environmental Assessment **BLM-MT-B070-2011-0040-EA**. The treatment is designed to: temporarily suppress bark beetle infestations and protect conifers from direct mortality. The action meets the need for action.

RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION

The proposed action was selected as the preferred alternative because it best meets the Purpose and Need described in the Environmental Assessment. Incorporating the design features into the proposed action will eliminate or minimize identified resource concerns.

The action identified in this EA conforms to the terms and conditions of the Butte Resource Management Plan (RMP) of April, 2009.

The No Action Alternative does not meet the objectives or the purpose and needs stated in the Environmental Assessment. Under the No Action Alternative, no carbaryl treatment to high value trees would be implemented. High value tree mortality would be greater under this alternative.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public notification of the Proposed Action occurred through a posting in the Butte Field Office and on the Butte Field Office NEPA log on the internet in May 20, 2011.

In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

s/Scott Haight

6/6/2011

Date

Scott Haight
Field Manager
Butte Field Office

Administrative Remedies

Any forest management actions described in this decision may be protested by any interested party within 15 days of public notice of this decision in accordance with 43 CFR 5003.3. The protest period for this proposed decision will end on June 3, 2011.

Protests must be made in hard copy writing to:

Scott Haight
Field Manager
106 North Parkmont
Butte, Montana 59701

The protest, if filed, should clearly and concisely state the reason(s) as to why the decision is in error. Protests received more than 15 days after the beginning of the protest period are not timely filed and shall not be considered. Upon timely filing of a protest, the authorized officer shall reconsider the decision to be implemented in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information available to him. The authorized officer shall, at the conclusion of his review, serve his decision in writing on the protesting party. Upon denial of a protest filed under paragraph (a) of 43 CFR 5003.3 the authorized officer may proceed with implementation of the decision.

In the absence of a timely protest, this project may be implemented after the end of the protest period.

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this decision, contact:
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