

**Errata Sheet**  
**Woody Ridge Environmental Assessment**  
**February 27, 2004**

On page 21 – correct acres in second paragraph from approximately 8745 acres to 8599 acres are slated for broadcast burn after thinning and slash disposal is complete.

On page 31 – the statement about obliterating the places where social trails intersect with new Forest Service trail is intended to be used on the trails outside of the Dry Lake Caldera. All social trails around the Dry Lake Caldera rim will be obliterated (estimated at 2-3 miles).

On page 36 – add that social trail obliteration will be accomplished prior to or concurrently with construction of the new Dry Lake trail.

On page 33, first bullet under yellow pines and mature oak trees, delete the word large before oak (no oak trees are cut as a part of the project).

On page 33, replace the third bullet with the following criteria:

Old ‘yellow barked’ pine trees: As an area is prepared for prescribed burning, a form of triage will be performed. First to determine if the large tree is at risk from heavy duff accumulation and second if removing the accumulation is likely to save the tree considering the other site characteristics such as *soil composition, depth, and moisture, degree of slope, the position of the tree on the slope, and aspect. Shading, as well as, air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, direction, and degree of drought influence will also be considered. The time of year the fire occurs and individual tree vigor will also determine when protective actions will occur.* Raking away duff will be used selectively along with a variety of other burning techniques to minimize fire effects to large ponderosa pine trees. This approach has been used on district prescribed burns since the Ft. Valley Restoration project. This approach is likely to result in the least mortality of mature trees while maintaining current treatment costs.

On page 33, replace the fourth bullet with the following criteria:

Burn plans will mitigate oak loss by moving large material on the ground from around the base of trees, and avoidance of slash piles near oaks. Also, as described above for ponderosa pine, as an area is prepared for prescribed burning, a form of triage will be performed. First to determine if the large tree is at risk from heavy duff accumulation, and second if removing the accumulation is likely to save the tree considering the other site characteristics as described above for ponderosa pine. Raking away duff will be used selectively along with a variety of other burning techniques to minimize fire effects oak trees.

On page 14 of the EA change the word structures to communities. (The work of Jack Cohen shows that actions right around the structure are critically important for structure protection. A community implies a larger aggregate of structures and open space where people reside).

Page 24, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph Delete the sentence “Over time all non-system roads will be obliterated. The EA page 24 paragraph 3 will be changed as follows,

Approximately 5 miles of National Forest system road will be obliterated over time<sup>1</sup>. . User-created roads, old temporary roads or other two-tracks are not necessary to the open road system<sup>3</sup>. These types of roads are usually scheduled for obliteration, but may serve as routes for motorized trail travel under separate future NEPA analysis. Reference the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Cross Country Use of Motorized Vehicles in Five National Forests when it becomes available.

Road obliteration will include ripping, seeding, re-contouring in some situations, placing rocks, boulders, and slash on the obliteration to achieve the desired condition of not having vehicles drive the roads in the future.

Page 25, based on public comment we have made adjustments to the Recreation Settings Map. Replace the map on page 25 with Recreation Settings Map 2, attached.

Page 15 - insert the word mile after 1/3.

Page 33 – For the sentence that describes a duff depth for raking insert the following footnote “The 12 inch depth was chosen as a balance between protection and feasibility (lining is very time and labor intensive). Duff depth in many areas is less than 2 inches (per inventory of fuel conditions – notes in fire office).”

Page 29 – Under MSO Restricted Habitat add at the end of the paragraph: In restricted habitat, when trees 12-18+ inches would be removed anyway, leave some cut trees on the ground to serve as replacement logs for those we have estimated will be lost from burning. During implementation, identify methods to meet this need and use larger size 16-18+ trees if they are being cut as a regular part of meeting stand objectives.

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<sup>1</sup> Road obliteration may occur after thinning treatments are complete and as a part of the thinning work.

<sup>2</sup> Non-system roads are usually user-created or ‘social’ roads.

<sup>3</sup> As identified on the EA map and the spreadsheet located in the Roads Analysis Report (PRD#128).