

To all interested parties,

3/12/2004

The BLM Pinedale Field Office Manager and the USFS Big Piney District Ranger are proposing to mechanically treat approximately 3,908 acres of hazardous fuels adjacent to the Hoback Ranches subdivision in the vicinity of Bondurant, Wyoming. Timbered fuels would be treated to reduce fuel loadings, create defensible space, and reduce future potential fire behavior. Treatments would begin in 2004 and are anticipated to be completed in 2014.

An Environmental Assessment(EA) that discloses the effects of implementing the proposed action has been completed. The EA and associated environmental analysis documents can be viewed at two websites: <http://www.fs.fed.us/btnf/> and www.wy.blm.gov/pfo/nepa.htm.

The public is invited to comment on our proposed action. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. Substantive comments are those within the scope of, are specific to, and have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons that the Responsible Officials should consider in reaching a decision. Each individual, or representative from each organization, submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or otherwise verify identity in order to attain appeal eligibility. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3), as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003.

Please send written comments to: Curt Yanish, BLM Fuels Specialist, Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, P. O. Box 768, Pinedale, WY 82941, phone 307-367-5300, fax 307-367-5329. Comments may also be delivered to the above address during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The opportunity to comment ends on April 28, 2004, 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Casper Star Tribune. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the EA sent to you, please contact Curt Yanish.

Sincerely,

Acting Field Manager
Pinedale Field Office

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act(FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and addresses within 15 days.

