# Fuel Treatment for Patch Clear Cuts on the Sloan-Kennally Timber Sale 



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The goal of this project is to ensure that post harvest 0-3 inch fuel loading, on the patch clear cuts within the Sloan-Kennally timber sale, will be in compliance with Forest Service Manual - 5100, Payette National Forest Supplement 5100-93-1, standards.

In order to meet this goal the existing 0-3 inch fuel loading on the patch clear cuts was determined. This was added to the predicted amount of 0-3 inch fuel that would be created during harvest activity. The total 0-3 inch fuel loading was compared to the Payette Supplement standards for the given slope.

The total 0-3 inch fuel loading would exceed the Payette Supplement standards and would require treatment. Viable treatment alternatives were compared. The least cost alternative was chosen as the preferred alternative.

Fire behavior was also analyzed. This was to determine the predicted flame length that would occur should a wildfire ignite after harvest but before fuel treatment took place. A flame length of 4 feet at the head of a fire is considered the maximum that can be directly attacked by ground personnel.

## BACKGROUND

The Sloan-Kennally Timber Sale will harvest timber on approximately 571 acres of the estimated 5100 acre Sloan-Kennally planning area. The Sloan-Kennally planning area lies within the Sloans and Kennally Creek drainages of the Gold Fork Watershed within Management Area 20, Fall Creek/Paddy Flat, on the Payette National Forest. The planning area includes approximately 2100 acres of the multiple use portion of the Needles Roadless Area. The Needles Roadless Area contains an estimated 132,340 acres of which 25,383 acres were allocated for multiple use, including timber management, in the Payette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) approved in 1988. The planning area was analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Forest Plan. The analysis was programmatic and allowed but did not mandate development. The analysis concluded that the timber stands in the area were biologically capable, administratively available, tentatively suitable, and economically viable for management. The Sloan-Kennally sale will harvest timber in and near the Needles Roadless Area.

The original Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Sloan-Kennally Timber Sale was released to the public in September 1994. However, due to changes and delays caused by a record wildfire season in 1994, the post fire salvage efforts in 1995, amendment of the Payette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) by INFISH (Inland Native Fish Strategy) in 1995, major flooding on the Forest in 1997 and other changes since the release of the 1994 DEIS, the Forest was delayed in completing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). In 1998, a new Interdisciplinary (ID) Team was assigned to reanalyze the Sloan-Kennally Timber Sale in light of the changes that had occurred since the 1994 DEIS. The ID Team produced a new DEIS that was responsive to the many changes and released it to the public in September 1999. One of the changes the 1999 DEIS responded to was the Payette National Forest's adoption of Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwestern United States (Reynolds, et al. 1992) as policy.

The Northern Goshawk is a sensitive species and there are two known goshawk nests within the project area. The home range for the goshawk covers about 6000 acres and is divided into three components, one of which is the post fledgling/family area. There are 11, 3-acre, patch clear cut, sale units within the Needles Roadless Area. These patch clear cuts, in response to issues raised during scooping, were designed to enhance post fledgling/family area habitat.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Harvest activity on the patch clear cuts will increase the loading of 0-3 inch fuels. No determination has been made as to whether this increase will cause the total loading of 03 inch fuels to exceed the standards in FSM - 5100 Payette National Forest Supplement 5100-93-1 and therefore require treatment of the fuels.

## GOAL

Ensure the post harvest 0-3 inch fuel loading on the patch clear cuts meets the FSM 5100 Payette National Forest Supplement 5100-93-1 standards.

## OBJECTIVES

Determine whether the post harvest 0-3 inch fuel loading on the patch clear cuts will meet or exceed the Payette Supplement standards.

Develop fuel treatment alternatives including no treatment.
If the post harvest loading will exceed the Payette Supplement standards, determine the lowest cost viable treatment method that will bring the $0-3$ inch fuel loading back into compliance with the standards.

## DIRECTION

Direction for fuels management on the Payette National Forest is found in several places.

1. Forest Service Manual 5100 - Fire Management
a. Chapter 5150 Fuel Management
b. WO Amendments
c. Payette National Forest Supplements
2. Payette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan
a. Chapter IV Forest Management Direction
b. Management Area 20 - Fall Creek/Paddy Flat - Management Direction
3. Payette National Forest Fire Management Action Plan
a. Chapter 50 - Fuel/Residue Management

## Forest Service Manual 5100 - Fire Management

## Chapter 5150 - Fuel Management

Chapter 5150 of the Forest Service Manual 5100 - Fire Management, addresses fuel management directly.

## WO Amendment 5100-91-8

Washington Office Amendment 5100-91-8 pertains to Chapter 5150 directly. In the amendment under 5150.3 - Policy, item 1.a. states among other things: Consider a full range of fuel management alternatives, including no treatment. Item 2 states: Manage fuel in accordance with fire management direction in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Part 5151 - Fuel Treatment, states: Initiate fuel treatment in accordance with the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and the Fire Management Action Plan. Part 5151.1 - Methods of Fuel Treatment, states: Consider the following treatment options, in the priority listed, when developing fuel management direction and plans.

1. Utilization. Use methods that reduce unwanted fuel through improved harvest techniques or through higher utilization standards. Favor utilization when the cost of onsite treatment equals the cost of removal for utilization.
2. Rearrangement. Redistribute fuel onsite to a condition that is less hazardous, or that enables more rapid deterioration or more effective disposal.
3. Removal. Remove unwanted fuel offsite for further utilization, storage or disposal.
4. Disposal. Reduce or eliminate unwanted fuel onsite. Methods include manual, mechanical, chemical, biological, and prescribed fire treatments and their necessary associated activities.
5. Conversion. Replace hazardous fuel with less flammable fuel or fuel that offers less resistance to suppression.
6. Nontreatment. Where appropriate, identify if and when fire program costs plus anticipated net value changes do not justify fuel treatment.
7. Interim Protection. Provide protection on an interim basis only when the hazard of newly created fuel cannot be abated in a timely manner and where:
a. An analysis of hazard and risks fully supports the cost-effectiveness of interim protection.
b. Treatment takes place as soon as practical following creation of the hazard.
8. Supplemental Protection. Use supplemental protection only if the economic analysis indicates that this is the most cost-efficient means of mitigating the fire hazard until deterioration of fuel makes such protection unnecessary. Supplemental protection may be justifiable in limited situations as part of an overall land management strategy. When justified, the responsible line officer must annually review and approve its continued use.

Part 5152 - Economic Analysis, states: Include economic criteria in the decision process for evaluating proposed fuel treatment programs and activities, and for selecting the practices used to perform fuel treatment. Use conventional economic evaluation procedures to determine the most cost-efficient alternative.

Payette National Forest Supplement 5100-93-1 also pertains to FSM 5100 - Fire Management, Chapter 5150 - Fuel Management. It states "FSM 5150 requires an analysis to determine the level of activity fuel treatment that is appropriate. This supplement provides the standards to be followed on the Payette National Forest to meet that requirement." The subheading "Standards for Planning Timber Sale Slash Treatment" states: "These standards provide only for acceptable fire hazard; additional treatment may be required to meet other land management objectives." It goes on to state: "To determine if treatment is needed start with the slope class of the unit or stand in question, then select the appropriate fuel loading." Fuel loading in this case includes the existing and activity generated fuels, under 3-inches in diameter.

For the Payette Supplement, slope is divided into three ranges: $0-40 \%, 41-60 \%$ and over $60 \%$. The fuel loadings associated with these slope ranges are $\geq 15 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{ac}, \geq 12 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{ac}$, and $\geq 7 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{ac}$, respectively. If the total $0-3$ inch fuel loading on a unit, after harvest activity takes place, is less than the amount listed for the given slope range, no treatment for fire hazard abatement is required. If total fuel loading meets or exceeds the loading constraint, treatment for fire hazard abatement is required.

## Payette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

## Chapter IV Forest Management Direction

"Forestwide Standards and Guidelines" are found in Chapter IV. Under this heading are found the subheadings "Standards And Guidelines For Fire And Fuels", "Fuel Treatments", and then "Activity Fuels Improvements", respectively. Direction here states "Slash to be treated to minimize chances of large wildfire, but will not be cleared to the point that the forest floor is void of all slash, logs, and organic material." Further, "Emphasize utilization of unmerchantable material to reduce total fuel loads."

## Management Area 20 Fall Creek/Paddy Flat

"Proposed and Probable Management Practices for Management Area 20" are found in this chapter. Under this heading is more specific direction. It states: "In Addition To The Forestwide Standards And Guidelines, The Following Management Practices Will Apply:" this is followed by several subheadings. Under the subheading "Protection" is "Activity Fuel Improvements" which states: "Utilize prescribed fire to treat fuels associated with timber harvest activities. Emphasis will be the reduction of fire hazard associated with activity fuels and improvement of sites for regeneration."

## Payette National Forest Fire Management Action Plan

## Chapter 50 - Fuel/Residue Management

The contents of Chapter 50 discuss objectives and management direction.
Part 51 - Fuel Treatment Objectives, states: "Levels and methods of fuel treatment will be guided by the resource objectives within the management area." In this case the management area is Management Area 20 Fall Creek/Paddy Flat.

Part 51.1 - Fuel Residue Management Direction, states: "Prescribed fire may be used to treat natural and activity related fuels as specified by management area direction." Again, the pertinent area is Management Area 20 Fall Creek/Paddy Flat. It goes on to state: "The following provides general guidance for the use of fire to treat fuels throughout the forest." The subheading General Forest Area pertains to timber harvest activity. It states: "Residue loadings from activity fuels will be treated to minimize the chances of large wildfires but should not be cleared to the point that the forest floor is devoid of all slash and logs. Some slash and larger dead material should be left for ground cover, soil protection, microclimates for establishment of trees, and small mammal habitat."

## ALTERNATIVES

In determining alternatives, including the no treatment alternative, the most specific criteria for whether treatment is required or not is found in the Forest Service Manual 5100 - Fire Management, Payette National Forest Supplement 5100-93-1. This supplement gives specific fuel loading/slope combination standards that govern treatment requirements.

The most restrictive direction for methods of treatment is found in the Payette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan in the chapter Management Area 20 Fall Creek/Paddy Flat. Under the heading "Proposed and Probable Management Practices for Management Area 20" it states "In Addition To The Forestwide Standards And Guidelines, The Following Management Practices Will Apply". The pertinent subheadings, relating to this statement, concerning timber harvest activity fuels are Protection and Activity Fuel Improvements respectively. The specific direction states: "Utilize prescribed fire to treat fuels associated with timber harvest activities. Emphasis will be the reduction of fire hazard associated with activity fuels and improvement of sites for regeneration."

After reviewing the specific direction from the various sources, the following alternatives have been developed:

## Alternatives

Alternative 1 - No Treatment
Alternative 2 - Whole Tree Yarding by Helicopter, Machine Pile and Burn At Landing Alternative 3 - Hand Pile and Burn
Alternative 4 - Broadcast Burn
In analyzing the alternatives several assumptions are being made due to the way in which the timber cruise data was obtained and reported for the actual sale. (The cruise printout is provided in the appendix.) The cruise data was compiled by strata rather than by individual unit. For the Sloan-Kennally Sale there were two strata; strata 1 outside the roadless area and strata 2 within the roadless area. The eleven, 3 -acre, patch clear cuts comprise strata 2. Helicopter logging is necessary for these units due to their location within the roadless area. All of the patch clear cuts are on slopes less than $40 \%$.

In reality the units are similar but not exactly the same regarding the number, species and diameter breast height $(\mathrm{DBH})$ of the trees to be harvested. For this paper I am going to use a simple per acre average based on all the trees listed in strata 2 in determining the tons/acre of activity fuels generated. Further, I am making the assumption that the existing fuel loading is the same for all the patch clear cuts. The sum total will determine whether treatment is required or not.

To determine the existing fuel loading on the patch clear cuts I used the Photo Guide For Appraising Downed Woody Fuels In Montana Forests: Interior Ponderosa Pine, Ponderosa Pine-Larch-Douglas-Fir, Larch-Douglas-Fir, and Interior Douglas-Fir Cover Types. The Photo and Data Sheet on page 107, Interior Douglas-fir, Douglas-fir/pinegrass-pinegrass phase (PSME/CARU-CARU) represent the existing condition. (Copy in the appendix.) The listed weight for existing downed 0-3 inch material is 5.1 tons/acre.

To calculate the tons/acre of 0-3 inch activity fuel generated from the harvest activity, I used the Handbook for Predicting Slash Weight of Western Conifers, USDA Forest Service, General Technical Report INT-37 and the species and DBH data from the SloanKennally Timber Sale, Cruise Number: 12383. The Handbook provides tables, which give the weight of slash produced, expressed on an oven-dried basis (page 24). The print out from Cruise 12383 is provided in the appendix. An excel spreadsheet I built which uses information from these documents is found on the next two pages. It determines the tons/acre of 0-3 inch fuel that will be produced by the harvest activity.

When the existing 5.1 tons/acre of 0-3 inch fuel is added to the $\mathbf{1 3 . 5}$ tons/acre of 0-3 inch activity fuels generated, the resulting total is $\mathbf{1 8 . 6}$ tons/acre of $0-3$ inch fuels. This is over the standard of 15.0 tons/acre of $0-3$ inch fuel for $0-40 \%$ slopes listed in the Payette National Forest Supplement 5100-93-1. This means that treatment of 0-3 inch fuels is required and that Alternative 1 - No Treatment will be no longer considered.

## Sloan Kennally Slash Weight Summary for Strata 2

Estimated Number Of Trees By 2" Diameter Class (For Cut Trees Only)
(12-inch class $=11.0-12.9$ inches; 14 -inch class $=13.0-14.9$ inches, and so on.)
PY is immature Ponderosa Pine
Weight Per Tree--Crown And Tip Under 3-inches (Pounds) From Table 4 General Technical Report INT-37

Number of Trees By Species and DBH

| Species | DF | LP | GF | PY | PP | Totals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DBH |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 368 | 1364 | 313 | 0 | 0 | 2045 |
| 12 | 134 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| 14 | 225 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 320 |
| 16 | 139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 |
| 18 | 154 | 0 | 163 | 0 | 0 | 317 |
| 20 | 54 | 0 | 61 | 22 | 16 | 153 |
| 22 | 98 | 0 | 50 | 12 | 0 | 160 |
| 24 | 65 | 0 | 27 | 7 | 0 | 99 |
| 26 | 26 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 43 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Totals | 1263 | 1575 | 631 | 41 | 32 | 3542 |

Handbook for Predicting Slash Weight of Western Conifers

| DF | LP | GF | PY | PP |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | 29 | 45 | 35 | 35 |
| 64 | 46 | 77 | 66 | 66 |
| 97 | 74 | 120 | 111 | 111 |
| 137 | 112 | 175 | 170 | 170 |
| 184 | 155 | 242 | 243 | 243 |
| 239 | 205 | 324 | 328 | 328 |
| 299 | 262 | 422 | 426 | 426 |
| 377 | 325 | 538 | 536 | 536 |
| 476 | 396 | 637 | 658 | 658 |
| 588 | 473 | 741 | 790 | 790 |
| 713 | 556 | 852 | 933 | 933 |
| 852 | 645 | 968 | 1090 | 1090 |
| 1000 | 741 | 1090 | 1250 | 1250 |
| 1170 | 844 | 1220 | 1420 | 1420 |
| 1350 |  | 1350 | 1600 | 1600 |
| 1550 |  | 1490 | 1780 | 1780 |
| 1760 |  | 1630 | 1980 | 1980 |
| 1990 |  | 1780 | 2180 | 2180 |
| 2240 |  | 1930 | 2380 | 2380 |

## Sloan Kennally Slash Weight Summary for Strata 2

| Slash Weight By Species and DBH In Pounds |  |  |  |  |  |  | Strata 2 covers 33 acres. Total pounds/2000/33=T/AC. $892475 \mathrm{lbs} / 2000 / 33$ acres = | $13.5$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species | DF | LP | GF | PY | PP |  |  |  |
| DBH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 10 | 50416 | 152768 | 54775 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 12 | 24656 | 17980 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 14 | 53775 | 19475 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 16 | 41561 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 18 | 58058 | 0 | 87694 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 20 | 25704 | 0 | 38857 | 14476 | 10528 |  |  |  |
| 22 | 57624 | 0 | 37050 | 9480 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 24 | 46345 | 0 | 23004 | 6531 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 26 | 22152 | 0 | 16456 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11250 |  |  |  |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7100 |  |  |  |
| 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4760 |  |  |  |
| Totals | 380291 | 190223 | 257836 | 30487 | 33638 | 892475 lbs. |  |  |

Alternative 2 - Whole Tree Yarding by Helicopter, Machine Pile and Burn At Landing, will also be no longer considered. This is due to the timber sale itself. As noted in the cruise the minimum top DIB is 6 inches. In order for this alternative to have been viable the sale contract itself would have to have been changed.

This leaves Alternative 3 - Hand Pile and Burn, and Alternative 4 - Broadcast Burn, as viable alternatives to be analyzed further.

## FIRE BEHAVIOR

For fire suppression purposes, the Patch Clear Cuts are within the Southern Idaho Timber Protection Association's (SITPA) initial response area, rather than the McCall Ranger District's. These types of areas are considered offset lands, in that they offset state and private lands that the McCall District has initial suppression responsibility for, elsewhere.

An assessment of the potential fire behavior within the Patch Clear Cuts will help SITPA plan suppression actions, should a fire ignite after harvest activity takes place, but before fuel treatment occurs.

In terms of fire behavior, the existing condition is represented by NFFL Fuel Model 8 (FM-8), closed canopy stands of short needled conifers. The post harvest condition would be represented by NFFL Fuel Model 11 (FM-11), light logging slash. To determine the expected fire behavior under these conditions I used the Behave: Fire Behavior Prediction and Fuel Modeling System (Behave). I ran the program using variables predicted under both average and $90^{\text {th }}$ percentile weather conditions for the period July 1 to September 15. (Data descriptions for FM-8 and FM-11 are provided in the appendix.)

The variables that are entered into the Behave model to predict fire behavior for FM-8 and FM-11 are the dead 1,10 and 100 hour fuel moistures, midflame windspeed and slope. For this comparison I held slope constant at $30 \%$.

To determine values for the 1,10 and 100 hour fuel moistures and midflame windspeed I used Fire Family Plus, a software system that summarizes and analyzes daily weather observations. In general, the weather observations come from Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) that download the data to an archive in Kansas City. Since each RAWS has a unique identifier the archive can be queried for data from a single or multiple RAWS. This data can then be downloaded, as a database, into the Fire Family Plus system. In this particular case the weather observation data came from RAWS 101223 - SKIHIL, which represents Management Area 20, Fall Creek/Paddy Flat.

The output from Fire Family Plus is in the form of graphs. (The graphs are in the appendix.) The predicted 1,10 and 100 hour fuel moistures for both average and $90^{\text {th }}$ percentile weather are easily determined and can be used as direct inputs to Behave. The windspeeds recorded by the RAWS and provided through Fire Family Plus are 20-foot windspeeds. These need to be converted to midflame windspeeds before they can be
input to Behave. The "Wind Adjustment Table" found in section III of the Fire Behavior Field Reference Guide (NFES 2224) provides adjustment factors to convert 20-foot windspeeds to midflame windspeeds. In this case the conversion factor is ". 4 ", which pertains to unsheltered fuels and both FM-8 and FM-11.

The outputs provided by Behave show that for a FM-8, under $90^{\text {th }}$ percentile weather conditions, the flame lengths from the head of a surface fire are predicted to be 1.1 feet. For a FM-11, under $90^{\text {th }}$ percentile weather, the flame lengths from the head of a surface fire are predicted to be 3.6 feet. This is significant because the maximum flame length that is considered to be attackable by ground personnel is 4.0 feet. In this case, according to the Behave predictions, if a fire were to start in one of the patch clear cuts after harvest activity took place (FM-11), ground personnel should be able to attack the head of the fire. Further, if the fire reached the surrounding standing timber (FM-8), the flame lengths should diminish.

Alternative 3 - Hand Pile and Burn, would treat the activity fuels in such a manner that they would change the patch clear cuts from a Fuel Model 11 back to a Fuel Model 8. Alternative 4 - Broadcast Burn would change the patch clear cuts from a Fuel Model 11 to a potential Fuel Model 8, given anticipated regrowth.

## COSTS

The cost/acre of the treatment activities hand piling and burning, broadcast burning, and thinning, was determined through discussions with the forest fuels specialist and district fuels personnel. These costs were determined to be:

| Broadcast Burning | $\$ 140.00 /$ acre |
| :--- | :--- |
| Thinning | $\$ 180.00 /$ acre |
| Hand Piling and Burning | $\$ 300.00 /$ acre |

The cost calculation for Alternative 3 - Hand Pile and Burn, is relatively easy. 11 patch clear cuts of 3 -acres each times the cost of $\$ 300.00 /$ acre. The cost of Alternative 3 is:
$11 \times 3=33 \times \$ 300.00=\$ 9,900.00$ Total Cost

The cost calculation for Alternative 4 - Broadcast Burn, is slightly more complex. The patch clear cuts are being logged by helicopter, therefore, there will be no mechanical trampling of saplings or other residual vegetation. In order to effectively broadcast burn the units the residual fuels will have to be cut down to provide a uniform fuelbed. After consulting with other fuels personnel it was felt that thinning costs would best approximate the cost of doing this. The costs of Alternative 4 are:
$11 \times 3=33 \times \$ 180.00=\$ 5,940.00$ Thinning Cost
$11 \times 3=33 \times \$ 140.00=\$ 4,620.00$ Burning Cost
$11 \times 3=33 x \$ 320.00=\$ 10,560.00$ Total Cost
Alternative 3 - Hand Pile and Burn is the least costly alternative.

## SUMMARY

The original goal was to ensure that the post harvest 0-3 inch fuel loading on the patch clear cuts would meet the Payette Supplement standards. This goal was met through accomplishing the three objectives.

Objective 1, to determine whether the post harvest 0-3 inch fuel loading would meet or exceed the Payette Supplement standards was accomplished by measuring the existing and activity generated fuels. The loading was found to exceed the Supplement standards and therefore, treatment was required.

Objective 2, to develop fuel treatment alternatives including no treatment, was accomplished by developing the four treatment alternatives:
Alternative 1 - No Treatment
Alternative 2 - Whole Tree Yarding by Helicopter, Machine Pile and Burn At Landing Alternative 3 - Hand Pile and Burn
Alternative 4 - Broadcast Burn
Alternative 1, No Treatment was dropped from consideration when treatment was found to be required.

Alternatives 2,3, and 4 were all viable alternatives according to specific direction found in Management Area 20 Fall Creek/Paddy Flat, which stated that prescribed fire would be the treatment method used in this management area. However, while considered viable, Alternative 2, Whole Tree Yarding by Helicopter, Machine Pile and Burn At Landing, was found to be not in compliance with the timber contract specifications and was therefore dropped from further consideration.

Objective 3, to determine the lowest cost viable treatment method that will bring the 0-3 inch fuel loading back into compliance with the Payette Supplement standards, was accomplished by comparing the costs of the two remaining viable alternatives, Alternative 3, Hand Pile and Burn and Alternative 4, Broadcast Burn.

## Alternative 3, Hand Pile and Burn, was determined to be the least costly viable alternative, and therefore chosen as the preferred alternative.

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|  | SPECIES PROD | EQUATION | HEIGHT | VOLUME | DIB | BDFT | CUFT | CORDS |  |


|  | DF | 01 | 401MATW202 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | No |
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|  | GF | 01 | 400 MATW 015 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | GF | 02 | 400MATW015 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PP | 01 | 400MATW122 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PP | 02 | 400MATW122 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PY | 01 | 400MATW122 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PY | 02 | 400MATW122 | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | No |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | gf | 01 | $400 \mathrm{MATW015}$ | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | gf | 02 | $400 \mathrm{MATW015}$ | 1.0 | NO | 6.0 | YES | YES | NO |
| 0.0 | NO | NO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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## Timber Group

Fire Behavior Fuel Model 8
Slow-burning ground fires with low flame lengths are generally the case, although the fire may encounter an occasional "jackpot" or heavy fuel concentration that can flare up. Only under severe weather conditions involving high temperatures, low humidities, and high winds do the fuels pose fire hazards. Closed canopy stands of short-needle conifers or hardwoods that have leafed out support fire in the compact litter layer. This layer is mainly needles, leaves, and occasionally twigs because little undergrowth is present in the stand. Representative conifer types are white pine, and lodgepole pine, spruce, fir, and larch.
This model can be used for 1978 NFDRS fuel models H and R. Photographs 22, 23, and 24 illustrate the situations representative of this fuel.

Photo 22. Surface litter fuels in western hemlock stands of Oregon and Washington.

Photo 23. Understory of inland Douglasfir has little fuel here to add to dead-down litter load.

Photo 24. Closed stand of birch-aspen with leaf litter compacted.

## Fuel model values for estimating fire behavior

Total fuel load, < 3-inch,
dead and live, tons/acre $\quad 5.0$
Dead fuel load, $1 / 4$-inch, tons/acre1.5

Live fuel load, foliage, tons/acre 0

Fuel bed depth, feet 0.2


## Logging Slash Group

## Fire Behavior Fuel Model 11

Fires are fairly active in the slash and herbaceous material intermixed with the slash. The spacing of the rather light fuel load, shading from overstory, or the aging of the fine fuels can contribute to limiting the fire potential. Light partial cuts or thinning operations in mixed conifer stands, hardwood stands, and southern pine harvests are considered. Clearcut operations generally produce more slash than represented here. The less-than-3-inch $(7.6-\mathrm{cm})$ material load is less than 12 tons per acre ( $5.4 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{ha}$ ). The greater-than-3-inch $(7.6-\mathrm{cm})$ is represented by not more than 10 pieces, 4 inches ( 10.2 cm ) in diameter, along a 50 -foot $(15-\mathrm{m})$ transect.

The 1978 NFDRS fuel model $K$ is represented by this model and field examples are shown in photographs 31, 32 , and 33.

## Fuel model values for estimating fire behavior

Total fuel load, < 3-inch
dead and live, tons/acre
Dead fuel load, $1 / 4$-inch, tons/acre
Live fuel load, foliage, tons/acre

0
Fuel bed depth, feet 1.0


Photo 31. Slash residues left after skyline logging in western
Montana.

Photo 32. Mixed conifer partial cut slash
residues may be similar to
closed timber with down woody fuels.

Photo 33. Light logging residues with patchy distribution seldom can develop high intensities.

Fuel Model 8 - Average Weather

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DIRECT
    1--FUEL MODEL ------------- }8\mathrm{ -- CLOSED TIMBER LITTER
    2--1-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % -- 5.3
    3--10-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % - 7.5
    4--100-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % 8.4
    7--MIDFLAME WINDSPEED, MI/H 1.6
    8--TERRAIN SLOPE, % ------- 30.0
    9--DIRECTION OF WIND VECTOR .0
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
            FROM UPHILL
10--DIRECTION OF SPREAD ---- .0 (DIRECTION OF MAX SPREAD)
        CALCULATIONS
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
                FROM UPHILL
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        (VERSION 4.4)
            RATE OF SPREAD, CH/H ---------- 1.
            HEAT PER UNIT AREA, BTU/SQFT -- 195.
            FIRELINE INTENSITY, BTU/FT/S--- 3.
            FLAME LENGTH, FT---------------- 8
            REACTION INTENSITY, BTU/SQFT/M 957.
            EFFECTIVE WINDSPEED, MI/H------ 2.5
    
## Fuel Model $8-90^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Weather

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DIRECT
    1--FUEL MODEL ------------- 8 -- CLOSED TIMBER LITTER
    2--1-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % -- 2.9
    3--10-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % - 3.9
    4--100-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % 6.2
    7--MIDFLAME WINDSPEED, MI/H 2.8
    8--TERRAIN SLOPE, % ------- 30.0
    9--DIRECTION OF WIND VECTOR .0
        DEGREES CLOCKWISE
            FROM UPHILL
10--DIRECTION OF SPREAD ---- .0 (DIRECTION OF MAX SPREAD)
        CALCULATIONS
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
                FROM UPHILL
        (VERSION 4.4)
            RATE OF SPREAD, CH/H ---------- 2.
            HEAT PER UNIT AREA, BTU/SQFT -- 227.
            FIRELINE INTENSITY, BTU/FT/S--- 7.
            FLAME LENGTH, FT---------------- 1.1
            REACTION INTENSITY, BTU/SQFT/M 1114.
            EFFECTIVE WINDSPEED, MI/H------ 3.5
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## Fuel Model 11 - Average Weather

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        subsystem, Part 2", INT-GTR-260, 1989
DIRECT
    1--FUEL MODEL ------------- 11 -- LIGHT LOGGING SLASH
    2--1-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % -- 5.3
    3--10-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % - 7.5
    4--100-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % 8.4
    7--MIDFLAME WINDSPEED, MI/H 1.6
    8--TERRAIN SLOPE, % ------- 30.0
    9--DIRECTION OF WIND VECTOR .0
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
            FROM UPHILL
10--DIRECTION OF SPREAD ---- .0 (DIRECTION OF MAX SPREAD)
        CALCULATIONS
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
                FROM UPHILL
        (VERSION 4.4)
            RATE OF SPREAD, CH/H ---------- 3.
            HEAT PER UNIT AREA, BTU/SQFT -- 767.
            FIRELINE INTENSITY, BTU/FT/S--- 43.
            FLAME LENGTH, FT---------------- 2.5
            REACTION INTENSITY, BTU/SQFT/M 2362.
            EFFECTIVE WINDSPEED, MI/H------ 2.4
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    3--10-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % - 3.9
    4--100-HR FUEL MOISTURE, % 6.2
    7--MIDFLAME WINDSPEED, MI/H 2.8
    8--TERRAIN SLOPE, % ------- 30.0
    9--DIRECTION OF WIND VECTOR .0
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
            FROM UPHILL
10--DIRECTION OF SPREAD ---- .0 (DIRECTION OF MAX SPREAD)
        CALCULATIONS
            DEGREES CLOCKWISE
                FROM UPHILL
        (VERSION 4.4)
            RATE OF SPREAD, CH/H ---------- 6.
            HEAT PER UNIT AREA, BTU/SQFT -- 883.
            FIRELINE INTENSITY, BTU/FT/S--- 91.
            FLAME LENGTH, FT---------------- 3.6
            REACTION INTENSITY, BTU/SQFT/M 2718.
            EFFECTIVE WINDSPEED, MI/H------ 3.6
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