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Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to invite you to participate in the scoping process for the Harrison Pass Watershed Restoration Action Plan (WRAP), WRAP #1 - Harmon WUI Fuels Reduction Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Comments are due to this office by close of business on March 17, 2017, to allow us to maintain our time line.

The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarvis Ranger District is proposing to hand cut, using chainsaws, all phase I Pinyon and Juniper (P/J) in the treatment area in order to reduce fire risk and reduce P/J invasion of sagebrush habitat. Small patches of phase II located within the treatment unit would also be treated by hand cutting. The trees of all age classes will be cut into manageable sizes and scattered within the unit. The larger wood would be available for fuel wood gathering.

Phase I is defined as trees are present but shrubs and grasses are the dominant vegetation that influence ecological processes (hydrologic, nutrient, and energy cycles) on the site. Phase II is defined as trees are co-dominant with shrubs and herbs, and all three vegetation layers influence ecological processes on the site.

No new roads are proposed under this project. Existing roads may receive maintenance to allow crew vehicles to safely access the unit.

This project is being proposed to reduce the standing fuel load within the treatment unit, to reduce the fire hazard to the neighboring community to the forest and to improve the sagebrush ecosystem that wildlife species depend on.

Harmon WUI Fuels Reduction treatments would be occurring in portions of section 32 of T29 N R58E and sections 4, 5, 8, 9 of T28 N R58E Mount Diablo Meridian.

Project information can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51191>.

Please keep in mind that all comments provided in response to this letter become part of the project record and will be made available to the public if requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This includes names, addresses, and any other information provided with the comments.

You may email your comments to: [comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-rubymtns-jarvis@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-rubymtns-jarvis@fs.fed.us)



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For additional information please contact Robin Wignall, Project Coordinator at (775) 778-6122, or [rjwignall@fs.fed.us](mailto:rjwignall@fs.fed.us).

Thank you for your interest in the district and its management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JOHN R. BALDWIN  
District Ranger  
Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger District

Enclosure

# Harrison Pass WRAP #1- Harmon WUI Fuels Reduction

