

November 7, 2014

Chad Hudson
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Dear Chad,

The Panhandle Forest Collaborative (PFC) thank you and your staff for the high level of engagement and information-sharing you have had with us with regard to the Bottom Canyon project. We are pleased with the direction the Idaho Panhandle National Forest (IPNF) is taking the project and appreciate that it is built around the PFC's proposed alternative.

We have several questions we wanted to raise as part of the formal scoping process.

- Could the IPNF consider the trade-offs in cost and effectiveness of trapping of pocket gophers or using substances such as NEEM or garlic oil, versus using chemical treatments?
- The PFC understands that a portion of the road decommissioning and culvert removals listed in the project have already been completed, but we would like to get more detail from you about the length and location of those treatments to make "database corrections" as opposed to actual active work.

The Forest Projects Committee is looking forward to meeting with you and your staff on December 8, 2014 to further discuss Bottom Canyon and continue our dialogue about the project.

Sincerely,

Liz Johnson Gebhardt
PFC Chair

Mike Petersen
PFC Vice-Chair