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Upper Blackfoot Timber Salvage and Management Project Update

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You are receiving this project update because you expressed interest during our formal scoping period. During scoping a new market for small material was discovered enabling DNRC to capture value from stands previously excluded based on economic viability. This discovery caused an increase in timber management acreage from 2,600 (scoped acres) to 3,625 (outlined in the EA). Projected volumes have also increased from 10 million board feet (scoped volume) to 14 million board feet (EA estimated volume). There are no new additional sections affected, the new acres come from sections identified for treatment in the original scoping notice.

Even though the scoping notice stated that the volume and acres were preliminary estimates we wanted to ensure that we notified you of current harvest estimates. These estimates were used in the EA analysis.

The formal scoping period allows us to identify concerns or things that may have been previously overlooked. The new markets that were discovered are an example of this.

Thank you for your participation in the Upper Blackfoot Timber Salvage and Management Project.

Sincerely,

Neil Simpson