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Subject: State Certified Weed-Free Order

To: Forest Supervisors

Enclosed you will find a copy of Regional Order N.R6-2007-001. This Order applies to all congressionally designated wildernesses and trailheads leading into congressionally designated wildernesses within the boundaries of the National Forest System of the Pacific Northwest Region in the States of Washington, Oregon and Idaho; the Order prohibits possession or storing hay and crop products (any hay, hay cubes, straw, grain or other crop or mulch product) that are not state certified weed-free [36 CFR 261.58(t)]. This Order is an implementation action for the record of decision that I signed in October of 2005 for the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Invasive Plant Program-Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants*. This decision established invasive plant prevention standards that apply to all National Forest System lands in the Pacific Northwest Region. Standard # 4 requires use of state certified weed-free hay or crop products on all National Forest System lands within the Pacific Northwest Region. Enforcement of the selected alternative will be phased in, starting with congressionally designated wildernesses.

Forests with local orders requiring weed-free feed in wilderness will need to withdraw those orders as soon as possible in order to eliminate confusion and conflict between local orders and this Regional Order.

Field monitoring and patrols for this Order should begin this field season. During this first field season education should be emphasized. Individuals may be given a verbal warning about the new requirements, along with educational materials explaining how to comply with the Order.

After the initial educational period, during the second season in 2008, written warning notices can be given in addition to the verbal warning and education. Depending on the judgment of the field officer, a notice of violation may be issued. After the 2007-2008 field seasons, the Order should be enforced comparable to other Sub-Part B orders.

Also enclosed with this letter are a number of materials intended to assist with the implementation of this Order: an Enforcement Plan, an Enforcement Plan Enclosure which provides additional details about implementing this Order, along with sources for additional information and other implementation aids; a question and answer document intended for external use, but also likely to be useful internally; and a model trailhead poster for your consideration and use.



If you have questions about the Order or its implementation please contact Regional Patrol Commander Dan Hawkes at 360 891 5276, Regional Congressionally Designated Areas Program Manager, Susan Sater at 503 808 2449, or Regional Manager for Invasive Plant Management and Restoration, Nancy Phelps at 503 808 2914.

/s/ Linda Goodman

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Enclosures: 7

Copy of Regional Order N.R6-2007 - 001,
Enforcement Plan,
Enforcement Plan enclosure,
Question and Answer document,
Weed-free poster

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