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Date: JUL 25 2019

Subject: Pacific Northwest Region Farm Bill Insect and Disease Treatment Area
Designation

To: Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region

Thank you for your April 19, 2019 letter, requesting the designation of additional landscape-scale areas on the Deschutes National Forest to address insect or disease threats under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003.

I have determined the areas that you requested to be designated meet one or more of the following criteria in Section 602:

- The area is experiencing decline of forest health based on annual forest health surveys;
- The area is at risk of substantial tree mortality over the next 15 years based on the National Insect and Disease Risk Map; or
- The area is one in which hazard trees pose imminent risk to public infrastructure, health or safety.

Based on this determination, I hereby designate an additional 159,490 acres on the Deschutes National Forest. This increases total designated areas from 7,176,030 to 7,335,520 acres in Oregon. These designations exclude Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, and non-Forest Service inholdings. This letter of designation and map showing the designated areas will be posted at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/farmbill/>.

Designation under Section 602 allows us to further evaluate these landscape areas for potential treatments to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation.

Again, thank you for your request to designate landscape areas that are experiencing declining forest health in your region. If you have any questions about the designation, please contact Chris French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, at (202)-205-1523 or chris.french@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

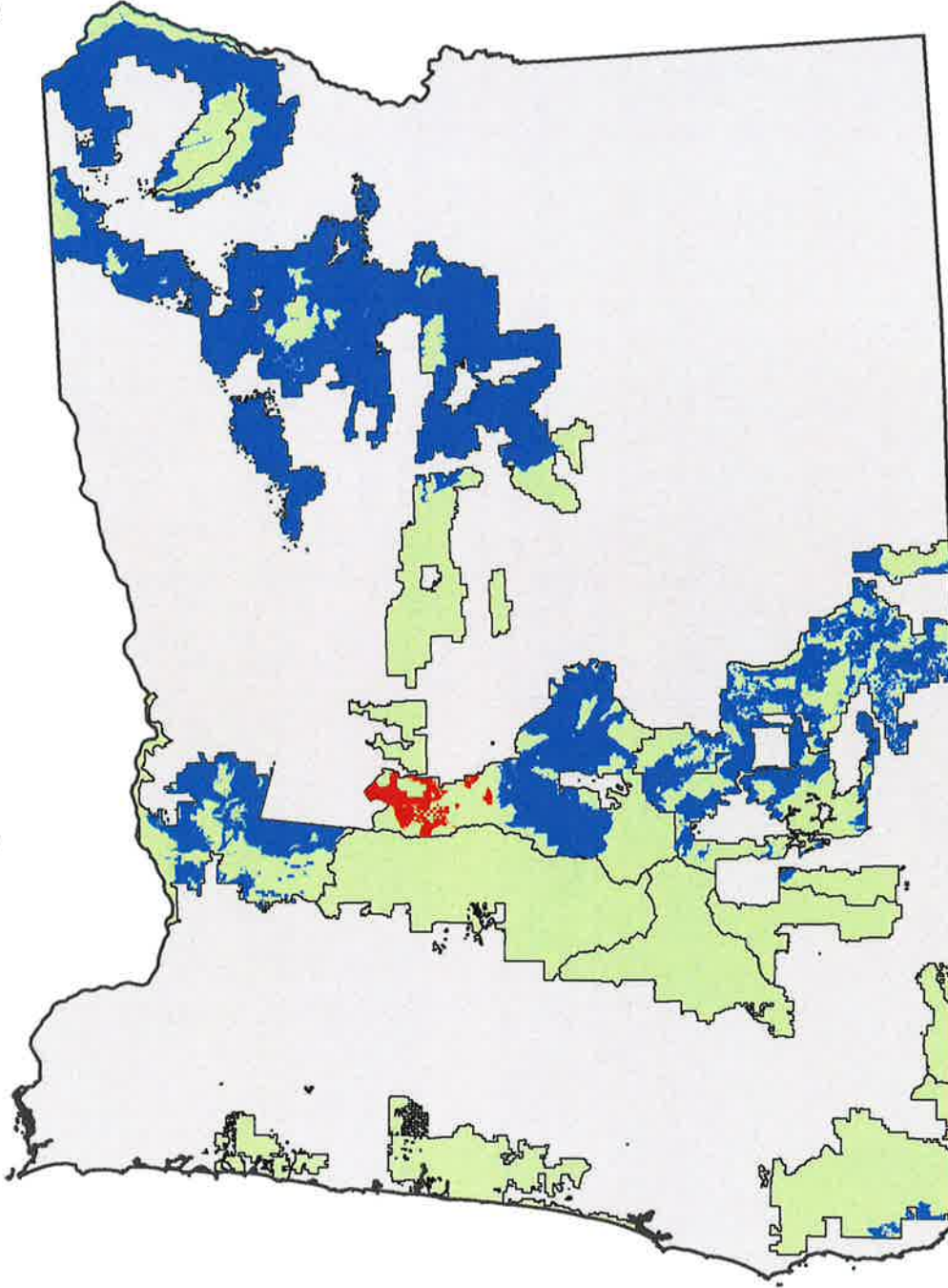

VICTORIA CHRISTIANSEN
Chief

Enclosure





National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in Oregon



	Newly Designated Areas
	National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act
	Lands Within the National Forest Boundary



Note: Data displayed are for informational purposes only and depict designations made under section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Please contact Sunny Ng for details: sunnywng@fs.fed.us