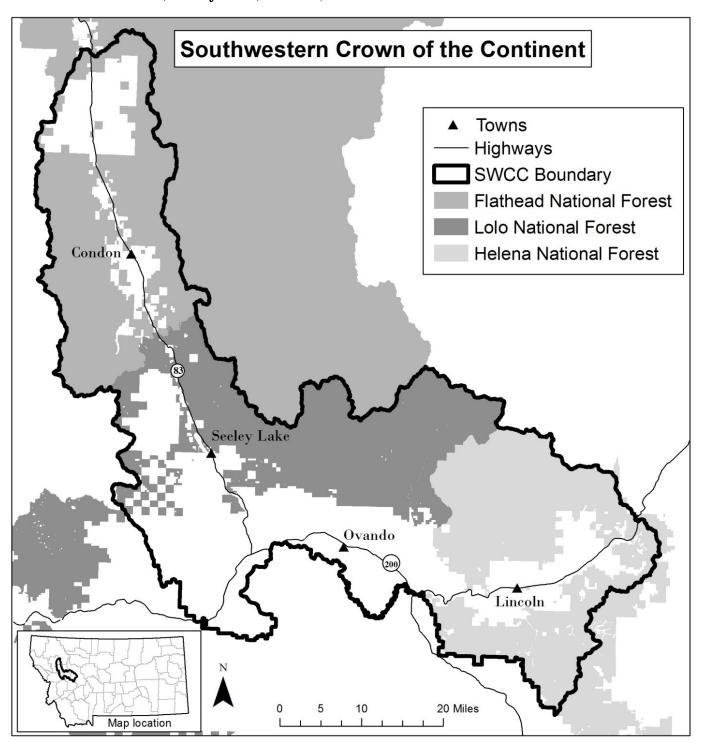


## Blackfoot Area gement Survey

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This survey mainly refers to the area inside the dark black line on the map below. The area is referred to as the "Southwest Crown of the Continent," and includes the towns of Condon, Seeley Lake, Ovando, and Lincoln.



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We are interested in hearing from local residents about how National Forests in the area should be managed. Please answer the following questions about your views on National Forest use and management.

<ul><li>1. Have you participated in any of the following activities on National Forests in the last five</li><li>(5) years? (Select all that apply)</li></ul>
☐ Hiking/walking
☐ Downhill skiing
☐ Fishing
☐ Hunting
☐ Cross-country skiing
☐ Developed camping
☐ Viewing wildlife
☐ Relaxing
☐ Snowmobiling
☐ Driving for pleasure
☐ Bicycling
☐ Other (please specify):
2. From this list, what was your primary activity on National Forests in the last five (5) years?
(primary activity)
3. If you had to pick one thing, what do you value most about the nearby National Forests?





## FOREST MANAGEMENT GOALS

## 4. How important or unimportant are the following <u>forest management goals</u>?

Mark one box (X) for each item below.

	Very Unimportant (1)	Unimportant (2)	Neither (3)	Important (4)	Very Important (5)
a. Maintaining quality habitat for native wildlife					
b. Supporting healthy streams for native fish populations					
c. Reintroducing fire as a natural forest process					
d. Reducing occurrence of large wildfires					
e. Reducing risk to <u>communities</u> from wildfires					
f. Reducing risk to <u>private</u> <u>property</u> from wildfires					
g. Reducing non-native, invasive weeds					
h. Preserving old growth trees					
i. Reducing non-native fish species					
j. Allowing use of the forest to collect firewood, timber, or logs for personal use					
k. Production of commercial timber products (e.g. lumber, pulp, pellets)					
m. Supporting non-motorized access opportunities (e.g. hiking, camping, hunting, horse-riding)					
n. Supporting motorized access opportunities (e.g. snowmobiles, OHV)					

5. How important or unimportant are the following goals for managing National For	est
<u>roads</u> ? Mark one box (X) for each item below.	

	Very Unimportant U (1)	nimportant (2)	t Neithe	er Im	portant (4)	Very Important (5)
a. Reducing the impact of roads on wildlife habitat						
b. Maintaining all roads that provide public access						
c. Decreasing erosion from roads into streams/rivers						
d. Maintaining road access for fire- fighting						
e. Maintaining road access for timber harvesting						
6. Please tell us how much you agr (X) for each item below.	ee or disagree	with the f	Collowing	statemo	ents. Mar	k one box
In the past five (5) years, <u>National</u> <u>managers</u> in my area have done a g		Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
a. Managing roads for recreational	access					
b. Managing roads for wildlife habi	itat					
c. Managing for quality wildlife hal	oitat					
d. Managing for quality fish/aquati	ic habitats					
e. Reducing non-native fish species	3					
f. Managing for forest health						
g. Reintroducing fire as a natural fo	orest process					
h. Reducing risks of large wildfires communities	near					
i. Reducing wildfire management c	eosts					
j. Supporting the forest products in	ndustry					
k. Supporting the economic health communities	of local					

l. Providing quality recreation experie	ences					
m. Managing for visual attractiveness						
n. Controlling invasive weeds						
<b>CURRENT FOREST MANAGEM 7. In general, what do you think of the</b> Mark one box (X).		ber of roa	ıds in yo	ur Nation	ıal Forest	s?
□Far too few						
□Too few						
□Just right						
□Too many						
□Far too many						
<b>8.</b> In general, what do you think of the fires on your National Forests? Mark o		unt of mo	<u>ney</u> spen	it on sup <sub>l</sub>	pressing f	orest
□Far too little						
□Too little						
□Just right						
□Too much						
□Far too much						
9. In general, what do you think of the Forests? Mark one box (X).	current <u>level</u>	of tree de	<u>ensities</u> i	in your N	ational	
□Not dense enough						
☐Dense enough						
□Too dense						
☐ Don't know						
THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL F	ORESTS					
10. How strongly do you agree or disa National Forest management?	gree with the	following	stateme	ents abou	ıt future	
Mark one box (X) for each item below.						
I believe the National Forest lands	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neithe	er Agı		ongly gree
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around my community should	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)				
a. Be kept wild (i.e., little human interference)		$\boxtimes$							
b. Provide opportunities for solitude									
c. Support our economy through timber production									
d. Support our economy through ranching/grazing									
e. Support our economy through tourism	n 🗆								
f. Provide opportunities for recreating in a challenging landscape	n 🗆								
SPECIFIC FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES  11. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about forestry activities that might take place on National Forests in your area?									
Mark one box (X) for each item below.	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)				
Mark one box (X) for each item below.  FORESTRY ACTIVITIES	Disagree	_		_	Agree				
	Disagree	_		_	Agree				
FORESTRY ACTIVITIES  a. Removing some trees (thinning)	Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Agree (5)				
FORESTRY ACTIVITIES  a. Removing some trees (thinning) reduces the severity of wildfires  b. Removing some trees (thinning)	Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Agree (5)				
FORESTRY ACTIVITIES  a. Removing some trees (thinning) reduces the severity of wildfires  b. Removing some trees (thinning) reduces long-term firefighting costs  c. I would like to see more forest	Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Agree (5)				
FORESTRY ACTIVITIES  a. Removing some trees (thinning) reduces the severity of wildfires  b. Removing some trees (thinning) reduces long-term firefighting costs  c. I would like to see more forest thinning near communities  d. I would like to see more forest thinning in areas farther away from	Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Agree (5)				

PRESCRIBED and WILDLAND FIRE

g. Following fire or beetle kill, dead trees



should be harvested



h. Prescribed fires are an acceptable tool for fire prevention near communities	l 🗆				
i. Prescribed fires are an acceptable tool for maintaining forest health in areas farther away from communities					
j. Prescribed fires reduce long-term firefighting costs					
k. Prescribed fires reduce the severity of wildfires					
l. Some wildfires should be allowed to burn if they don't threaten people's lives or property					
m. The smoke from prescribed burns is usually justified					
WEED MANAGEMENT AND RECREATION					
n. Spraying herbicides on weeds along roads is acceptable as part of a weed management strategy					
o. Aerial spraying of herbicides on weeds is acceptable as part of a weed management strategy	<b>.</b>				
p. The Forest Service provides an adequate amount of recreation infrastructure (trails, campgrounds, etc.)					
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT					
12. Have you been involved in <u>National</u> following means?	<u>Forest</u> de	ecision maki	ng proces	sses using	any of the
	Never (1)	Sometimes I	Frequently (3)		
a. Attended public meetings					
b. Talked to neighbors					
c. Contacted elected officials					
d. Wrote a letter to the editor					





e. Submitted written comments on a project					
f. Volunteered on a project					
g. Joined a citizen advisory committee					
h. Other (please specify):					
13. How familiar are you with these program	ıs and grou	ıps?			
	Not familiar	Somewhat familiar	Very familiar		
How familiar are you with	(1)	(2)	(3)		
a. The National Forest Service's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP)					
b. The Southwestern Crown Collaborative					
<b>14. How strongly do you agree or disagree w</b> Mark one box (X) for each item below.	ith the follo	owing stat	ements?		Strongly
Over the past five (5) years	Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither (3)	Agree (4)	Agree (5)
a. I have had sufficient opportunity to comment on Forest Service management					
b. There were ample opportunity for public input on Forest Service decisions					
c. The local community has been involved in decisions about Forest Service management					
e. Public comments were seriously considered by the Forest Service					
f. Decisions were already made before the public had a chance to comment					
g. Providing public comment felt meaningles	s 🗆				
h. Final decisions balanced the concerns of most people					





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MODES OF COMMUNICATION					
<b>16. How useful, if at all, do you find the fo</b> <b>Service managers?</b> Mark one box (X) for eac	•		nmunication	n used by Fo	orest
	Not at all useful (1)	Slightly useful (2)	Moderately useful (3)	Very useful (4)	Extremely useful (5)
a. Personal, one-on-one interaction					
b. Information booths at community events (e.g. farmer's markets, festivals)					
c. Large public meetings					
d. Field trips with Forest Service					
e. E-mails					
f. Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)					
g. Official websites					
h. Print material (e.g. letters, brochures)					
i. Local print news outlets (e.g., Pathfinder, Blackfoot Valley Dispatch)					
j. Regional print news outlets (e.g., Missoulian, Independent Record)					
k. Through local non-profit organizations (e.g. Blackfoot Challenge, Clearwater Resource Council, Swan Valley Connections, Trout Unlimited, etc.)					
l. Through meetings of local citizen groups (e.g., Southwestern Crown Collaborative, Lolo or Lincoln					

15. How could the Forest Service better involve residents like you? Write your response on the



lines provided below.



17. Are there any other ways you would I Service? Write your response on the lines pro			inication fr	om the Fo	rest 
ENVIRONMENTAL VIEWS					_
18. How strongly do you agree or disagre environment? Mark one box (X) for each iter		following s	statements	about the	
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
a. The primary value of forests is to generate income					
b. The primary value of forests is as a resource for human livelihoods					
c. Nature's primary value is to provide products useful to people					
d. Nature has as much right to exist as people					
e. Wildlife, plants, and people have equal rights to live and develop					
f. Forests have value, whether people are present or not					
TRUST  19. How strongly do you agree or disagre Service managers? Mark one box (X) for each		_	statements	about loc	al Forest
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
a. In general, Forest Service managers have similar goals for the forests as I do					
b. Forest Service managers in my area are knowledgeable about forest management techniques					





c. Forest Service managers in my area are sensitive to the local impacts of their decisions/actions								
d. Forest Service managers in my area do a good job communicating with the public								
e. My interactions with Forest Service managers in my area have been generally positive								
f. I trust local Forest Service managers to make the proper decisions about forest management								
g. I personally know and interact with local Forest Service employees								
20. How strongly do you agree or disagr with people in general? Mark one box (X)		_	statements	about int	eracting			
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neither (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)			
a. You can't be too careful dealing with people								
b. People are generally interested in their own welfare								
c. One has to be alert or someone is likely to take advantage of you								
DEMOGRAPHICS 21. How many years have you lived in the local community? Write the number of years in the space provided below.								
23. In what year were you born? Write the	ic year or yo	a. <i>D</i> ii (11 (11	e space pro		· ·			
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24. What is	your gender? N	1ark one	box (X).				
□Ма	ale	□Fem	ale				
25. What is	the highest grad	le of sch	nool you have	e comple	ted? Mark one	e box (X).	
□Gra	ade School						
□Hig	gh School Graduat	e/ GED e	equivalent				
□Sor	me College						
□Col	llege Graduate (e.	g. Bache	lor's degree, A	Associate's	degree)		
□Pos	st Graduate (e.g. I	Master's	degree or Ph.	D)			
26. What wa	as your 2015 ho	usehold	l income befo	ore taxes	<b>?</b> Your best gu	ess is ok. Mark on	ıe box (X)
□Les	ss than \$10,000						
□\$10	0,000 to \$19,000						
□\$20	0,000 to \$39,999						
□\$40	0,000 to \$59,999						
□\$60	0,000 to \$79,999						
□\$80	0,000 to \$99,999						
□\$10	00,000 to \$119,00	00					
□\$12	20,000 to \$139,99	9					
□\$14	40,000 or more						
□Do	n't know						
timber harv		ber fore	est products	such as b	erries or fire	tional Forest Lar ewood, outfitting	
None (1)	e Very little (2)	Some (3)	About half (4)	Most (5)	Almost all (6)	AII (7)	
	ou for completi e, please include					es or input you v rectly.	vould –
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Thank you for taking this survey!



