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Harvest Debris – IA Effectiveness

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Background

- Project was revived this past spring due to renewed interest from AAF as they have a new *Directive* on harvest debris loading near communities. Advisory discussed at spring meeting and wanted results within 2 years.

Objective

- To relate fire behaviour in known harvest debris loads to the capability of 4-person Hac crews.

Harvest Debris - Update

- Summer of 2017 located 10 plots to carry out experimental burning and IA effectiveness trials
- 6 plots located at the Pelican Mountain research site in aspen debris and 4 plots in the GP Forest just north of Grande Cache in pine debris.



Harvest Debris – Next Milestone

- Plans are to burn at Pelican next spring and at GP next summer. Some fuel loading has been completed at Pelican.
- Guards have been burned in GP and a dozer may be used this winter at Pelican Mtn to build firebreaks.



Harvest Debris – 2018 Plans

- Spring 2018 burns are planned at Pelican site. Plots have considerable aspen regen and thus summer burns would be difficult.





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Thank you

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