

Units 30 & 31

The two units look like a lower case "r" on the map.

- The three patch cuts in the upper part of the "r" are generally placed in areas with heavy SF, or denser, or less healthy trees. Overall they appear to be reasonable places for patch cuts.
- The only concern is that there is a ravine, or ephemeral stream running through or near all 3 patches (blue tracks on Teagen's map). The right hand one is less pronounced than near the bottom of the left hand one. Teagen has drawn an orange line (Track # 4) on the top side of the PC that reads 1.21 acres. The boundary of this unit should be pulled down (or rather uphill) to the line to buffer more from the ephemeral stream, which is much more pronounced down here.
- As far as the leg part of the "r" our recommendation is to remove both parallel patch cuts (1.69 & 1.57 acres). These patch cuts are composed of decently spaced Lodgepole on a wet, north facing slope above and to the west of what appears to be a perennial stream. These patch cuts were also laid out last summer before our recent conversation about Lodgepole, where both the USFS and MFG members discussed preferences for patch cuts on south slopes.
- Below these patch cuts (in the middle of the "r" leg) is an area of very unhealthy Lodgepole, partially dead (standing, or on the ground - heavy surface fuel), and many remaining trees with mistletoe. This area is also located on a plateau, or ridge, with easy access from the road for firefighting purposes. The USFS had begun to layout a patch cut in this area, but didn't complete it last summer. Teagen's orange line (Track #5) outlines the area recommended to the USFS for placing a patch cut (either all, or part of the area).
- Within this patch cut there are some very widely spaced Lodgepole regen, some healthy, some not. The healthy regen could be left during treatment to provide for age diversity in the future stand, and also help to maintain ground cover.