

Notes about “You Decide!”

Each “You Decide!” brochure lists 2-3 possible management options (“treatments”) for the land under discussion. The first treatment is designed to favor ecosystem integrity, species richness, and wildlife habitat; the last one is designed to favor high earnings from the timber on the land. The “middle” treatment is usually designed to reduce the potential for crown fire.

Treatments 1 and 2 are designed to “take good care” of the land, but they may not always work as planned. Management Challenge #3 provides an example: Where whitebark pine is nearly eliminated by blister rust, active management may be able to restore the species in isolated locations, but it cannot restore the genetic diversity and robustness of the original whitebark pine population.