



October 26, 2016

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RE: Hancock Road Project

Greetings,

Thank you for accepting these scoping comments on behalf of the Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KS Wild) regarding the Hancock Road Project.

Please note that the scoping notice does not reveal the following details that we hope will be considered in the forthcoming NEPA analysis:

- Is the proposed road work and tree removal on National Forest lands located in the matrix or the LSR land use allocation?
- Is the proposed road work and tree removal within an active Northern spotted owl home range?
- Is the proposed road work and tree removal within Northern spotted owl critical habitat?
- Are Pacific fisher present in the planning area?
- It appears that there is already existing road access to the private lands from the northeast corner of the section, why is road construction across public lands necessary in order to provide additional roaded access to a private parcel that already has roaded access?
- What will the cumulative impacts of private logging, yarding, and road construction consist of in conjunction with proposed road work and tree removal on public lands?

-Will the logging of private lands increase fire hazard and fire risk to adjacent public lands?

-What will the cumulative recreational and scenic impacts of high elevation road construction, tree removal and logging consist of?

-Please note that on the north side of the Siskiyou Crest the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest has developed and considered helicopter access as a proposed action that provides reasonable access to private industrial timberlands within the federal checkerboard land ownership network. Such an alternative should be developed and considered here.

Please continue to send us NEPA and decision documents regarding this project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Sexton', with a stylized, flowing script.

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