

Please let us know of any updates you have on the status of the BE?

Also, I don't think we've heard whether the electronic copy of the comments table that is referenced in the DEA on page 23 exists yet ("A summary table of all comments received is provided in the project file.") Will you let us know either way?

It is in draft form. Allot of comments to incorporate.

- **Hydrology.** The maps available to us only show larger perennial streams. We were interested in locations of wetlands, springs, and lower order streams. We understand that the surveys are ongoing but could you please provide documents/information collected to date from the ongoing surveys or let us know that these don't exist yet?
- **Botany.** We checked in with Karen on this on March 1 and she said she'd be in touch with the Clinch. We haven't heard back but are copying her here so everyone is in the loop. Karen Overcash sent us botany documents. Thank you for that.
- **Old Growth.** Took another look at the Vision Draft maps, and realized there are numbers throughout that I assume are the OG survey plots. I missed these the first time. There are two maps in that file for Compartments 2043 and 2044. Could you send the maps for 2042 and 2059?

See maps labeled "NP 238C STONE DRAFT" & "NP2420 GSC DRAFT" below.

- Perhaps I've overlooked it, but I haven't seen new qualifying Old Growth delineated on any of the maps provided. Could you tell me which specific map delineates these areas?
 - We appear to be missing old growth tally sheets for several of the proposed commercial harvest units. Could you please provide the tally sheets for the following stands or let us know that they don't exist yet?
 - 2042/12 (thinning-woodland)
See attached document.
 - 2043/26 (regeneration)
 - 2044/10 (thinning)

See attached document.

- 2044/12 (thinning)
- 2059/15 (thinning)
- 2059/24 (regeneration)

Old Growth surveys on highlighted stands above have been completed but waiting for documentation from surveying employee. From what I understand, these specific stands were deemed not Old Growth under protocol 3 under the GWJNF Old Growth Protocol. I will follow up and make sure this is the case or not and send copies of paperwork ASAP.

- **NNIS, Project Level.** Has there been any concerted effort to survey for and map NNIS *in the project area*? This is the information we are requesting. If it doesn't exist yet, please just let us know that.

No formal survey has been completed for the Project. As NNIS is found during, stand exams, prescription development, botany surveys, various field visits, and during implementation of the Nettle Patch project NNIS is either immediately treated in accordance with the NNIS EA or will be treated as part of the Nettle Patch EA (mostly along roads and landings. However, any NNIS discovered within treatment units found during implementation will be treated as discovered).

- **NNIS, Clinch District.** Again, we are interested in district-level management of NNIS. On the Clinch RD, are there any district-level NNIS management plans, monitoring results, documentation that provides details of efforts to treat NNIS (including tracking of herbicide use) etc.. ? If it doesn't exist yet, please just let us know that.

We have Appendix E forms (Implementation Checklist for the Treatment of NNIP species) from the forest wide NNIS EA for treatment sites.

- **Stand exam data.** Karen Overcash sent us a stand exam report but it appears to be missing several stands that are proposed for commercial harvest. Could you please provide stand exam reports for these stands or let us know that they don't exist yet.

Often when we complete stand examinations we find reasons to change stand boundaries. When we delineate new stand boundaries the stand numbers can change. Since this occurs, often the stand numbers from the environmental analysis do not match what was inventoried during the stand examination. I have placed the original stand numbers for the stands in question at the time the exam was completed below.

- 2042/30 (regeneration) was originally part of 2042/17
- 2059/53 (regeneration) was originally part of 2042/17
- 2059/59 (regeneration) was originally part of 2059/31

- 2044/29 (thinning) was originally part of 2044/3
- 2044/35 (thinning) was originally part of 2044/3
- 2044/36 (thinning) was originally part of 2044/7
- 2044/38 (thinning) was originally part of 2044/7
- 2044/42 (thinning) was originally part of 2044/7
- 2059/57 (thinning) was originally part of 2059/48
- 2059/54 (thinning) was originally part of 2059/7
- 2043/50 (thinning- woodland) was originally part of 2043/2