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Carlson Ranch Limited Partnership response to the published Draft Decision

Red Rocks Vegetation Project:

Objection Reviewing Officer
USDA Forest Service, Northern Region
26 Fort Missoula Rd.
Missoula Montana 59804

Responsible Officer
Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest
Butte Ranger District [alternatively referenced as Jefferson]

We have no objections to the published Draft Decision.

Thank you for the detailed responses, contained in Appendix B of the Environmental Assessment, to the points raised by our March 16, 2018 letter.

We appreciate the acknowledgment related to Road #9388, and the resulting change to Maintenance Level 1, while maintaining the necessary access to our deeded property, as well as the removal of Unit #158 from the scope of the project.


We strongly support this project. Hopefully, during project management and planning implementation, that the USFS project and oversight personnel will identify methods and efficient functional ways to accelerate the completion timeline for the approved treatments within the units.

We strongly believe ten years or so, for the estimated completion timeframe, for Red Rock Project landscape, is detrimental. Within this timeframe, forest health of the project area will deteriorate significantly. Delays will negatively impact access and movement for wildlife, access for the public who utilize the trails, roads as well as other amenities and attributes, permittee grazing alternatives and livestock access, and of course the commercial viability of harvesting the available timber.

Thank you for the work and efforts to carryforward the Draft Decision.

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