

I have spent many hours going over the Dead Laundry Project Proposal information that was mailed to us several weeks ago. I have found several more omissions besides the ones that I emailed to you a few weeks ago but if the color-coding on the maps is correct, I believe I can figure it out.

We own property along Moose Creek in the North Fork District and my family has been there for well over 100 years. So, we care deeply about the stewardship of this piece of Idaho.

Overall, I am very much in favor of this project. This area is long overdue for fuels treatment and anyone that has worked, lived and recreated in the North Fork knows that it is a fire hazard waiting to happen. In addition, the roads have been long-neglected and are badly in need of maintenance that includes clearing brush and pulling ditches, not just blading. When any road work is being performed that involves closures, how will property owners be notified of the dates? I assume that the repair on 255 up Deception is not solely part of this specific project, but it is in the boundary so will take this opportunity to ask about potential closures. Since there are not a lot of viable "detours", ample notice of any closures would be appropriate and appreciated.

Another outcome of this project that I am optimistic about is the hope that it will be beneficial for wildlife.

Immediately adjoining one of our property lines is Unit #30. Originating within that area are two water sources that we have used for domestic purposes for years and we are concerned about how that use could potentially be impacted. The first source is a spring that provides our drinking water, very similar to the one on Deception. We have a pipe in the hillside to which is attached about 75 feet of hose from which we get our drinking water. The second source is surface water. We have a small catchment basin from which we've run about 300 feet of hose to use for domestic purposes. If need be, we could potentially arrange to meet with the appropriate personnel to mark those specific areas for protection.

Along Road 735, there are several units, 94, 73, 93, 100 and 99, slated for regeneration treatment. Back before the area was roaded, starting in the early 1900's, 3 generations of my family packed into the North Fork via trails from Fish Creek in Montana, over the mountains, to Fish Lake in the Clearwater, watered the stock at the spring near the top of Broken Nose and continued along the trail which is, in part, now Road 735 to continue on to Moose Creek. In the 3 subsequent generations, we have traveled that road innumerable times as conditions allow. I cannot describe the specific curves in the road, but there are a couple sharp curves with groupings of large cedars, predominantly on the downhill side, where my father remembered resting the stock in the shade. They are majestic and impressive trees and I am disappointed that I do not see in the treatment types anything

that indicates that those pockets were recognized. At this point, I hope that their historic and aesthetic value earn them the right to be designated, if not Old Growth, at least Leave Trees.

Years ago, when logging was done up Deadwood Creek, some of the units were left with a lot of slash, and both Deadwood and Moose Creeks had a lot more turbidity for a season. I would hope that requirements now would prevent such scenarios.

As mentioned earlier about notifications, are there plans to let the property owners know approximate dates for the landscape burning in the headwaters of Moose and Ruby Creeks with the understanding that dates would be weather-dependent? I would also be interested in knowing what is planned for the area delineated as "Backcounty Restoration"? It's shown on the maps, yet I see no reference as to intended plans/treatment.

Again, I am very pleased to finally see some plans for some long overdue harvesting and burning in the North Fork.

Thank you,

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