

I object to the Sunny Oaks Project due to contradictions between assessments and answers to comment 10-1.

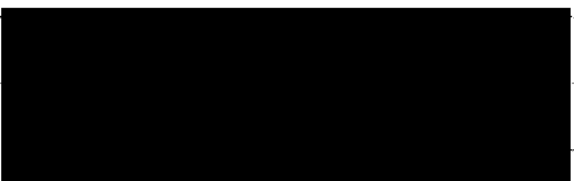
The assessments suggest that there would be no measureable difference in water level before and after the Project. The answer to comment 10-1 states: on frozen ground, it would be more severe because nearly all the water would run off the surface, as there would be very little leaf cover to intercept the rain and the ground would be frozen so very little water could be stored in the soils or plants to slow the runoff. The scenario described is in the category of a catastrophic event, and the WNF cannot predict, affect, or mitigate for such events.

The hydrologist was asked for differences in inches and feet. The Forest ^{Service} refuses to allow the hydrologist to clarify the difference in the assessment and the response to the 10-1 comment for the people. If the Forest Service cannot predict, they cannot predict how many more families would be flooded.

There would be a huge difference in runoff in a forest with a thick layer of leaves, and a cut forest with 4000 acres with all leaves burned allowing the ground to freeze. The Forest Service cannot predict what would be flooded if the ground is frozen, 20 inches of snow, and then 3 inches of rain. The Project would make the water deeper and rise faster.

Last week one person lost their life to Symmes Creek's flood waters. This school year Symmes Valley schools have been closed 3 days for high water. Last year school was closed 4 half days and 1 full day. A few added inches can close a road and close a school. The last major flood in the Symmes Valley was in 1992. The Forest Service didn't give what difference the Project would have made in the same conditions.

With the added roads, parking areas, pipelines, and other Forest Service Projects, including prescribed burns, more and more water goes to Symmes Creek. This part of the Forest will never^{again} be able to provide the environmental benefits it does today.



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I object to the Sunny Oaks Project, because the Project is based on outdated science and the Forest Service's opinion.

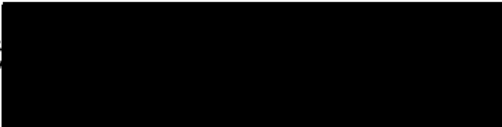
In order to protect our climate and our environment, a vast majority of scientists are in favor of protecting every tree now growing and to plant many more.

Ocean levels are rising to overrun coastal areas, and glaciers are melting faster than ever predicted, last week Antarctica had a record high temperature of 69°F.

Should the Forest Service be part of the solution or part of the problem?

The facts are clear that the Earth is warming and cutting trees doesn't help, but letting trees grow does. These trees become more valuable every year; it will never be a mistake to let them grow.

The Forest Service decisions shouldn't be made just for hunting groups and greedy individuals, but for the good of the environment, the forest, all the animals, and all of the people. This Forest belongs to my grandchildren and their grandchildren, and they will be part of the people most affected by the Forest Service's decisions.



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I object to the Sunny Oaks Project, because the Forest Service did not make public the cost of implementation and what that cost included. Forester Tim Stone was asked the estimate of how much money would be made and where the money would go. He gave a very misleading answer that 25% goes to the county. He didn't say first implementation costs are taken out, then 25% of what's left is divided between 12 counties. After Forester Stone stated that 25% goes to the county, I asked where does the other 75% go; Forester Stone would not answer the question. A few weeks later I again asked Forester Stone the break down of costs, his answer was "Mr. Humphrey this Project is not about money, I have not once thought about money."

I asked Forester Reed how much it would cost to manage the project area after the timber was cut; her only answer was "you're the first person to ask that question." Later, I received transcripts that discussed revenue generated minus cost of implementation. I called Forester Reed to find out what the cost of implementation was. First she said it was there, ^{in the transcript} then she said it was accidentally left out. So, I asked what is that cost, what did you subtract. Forester Reed refused to give that information over the phone.

Two days before the comment period was over, I received Sunny Oaks economic analysis. Using my magnifying glass, I found that the cost of implementation was \$1,539,770.91. Now, according to Dawn McCarthy that cost is \$3,700,000.

The economic analysis should have been made public before the comment period began and when the people asked for the cost breakdown it is then a requirement. Why is there a two million dollar increase in cost of implementation after the comment period is over?



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I object to the Sunny Oaks Project because Foresters have handled this Project dishonestly by making many false promises.

Forester Tim Slone, when asked questions about the Project said "wait for the reports, I'll send them to you, you'll have plenty of time to study them, we'll have many meetings to answer every question." None of Forester Slone's promises came true. I was sent a transcript of the video presentation, but not the actual assessments that were promised. Forester Slone could have said we're not legally obligated to send anything or have any public meetings, but that's not what he said.

When I called ~~Forester~~ Team Leader Forester Rachel (Orwan) Reed to ask about the public meetings, Forester Reed said "we've changed our strategy instead of having public meetings we can better communicate this Project with private meetings." I asked many times to have private meetings with the hydrologists, the environmentalist, and the biologist for this Project. I was given no meeting to communicate the Project. Forester Reed could have said we're not legally obligated to have any meetings to communicate this Project, but that's not what she said.

Forest Supervisor Tony Scardina called me and said "we have not done a good job introducing this Project. We will have public meetings." He also told me he would try to find out if the Project would expand the FEMA flood plain.

Forester Slone called me and said "the reports are complete you should have them within a week." After waiting over a week, I called Forester Reed and asked about the reports. Forester Reed stated "we have the assessments, but we haven't decided how we're going to send them out."

Later Forester Reed stated "we've decided not to send the assessments, but to do video presentations instead."

When I called to find out when and where the meetings Forester Scardina promised would be, I was informed Forest Supervisor Scardina was gone. I contacted Acting Forest Supervisor Chris Dahl to ask if the promised meetings would be held. Forester Dahl said he had already contacted Forester Scardina, and Forester Scardina denied promising any meetings. Forester Scardina could have said we're not legally obligated to have public meetings, but that's not what he said. One Forest supervisor lied, maybe two.

Forester Slone refused to come to regular meeting of Lawrence Soil + Water (the floodplain coordinator for the Symmes Creek area). He said he had already had all the public meetings he was going to have. I called Forester Slone's Ironton station to ask the dates and location of those public meetings. After three days and three calls, the Forester at Forester Slone's station stated "there were no advertized public meetings." Forester Slone still states in the answers to the comments that there were three public meetings. After the Sunny Oaks Project was announced publicly in April, 2018, one meeting was held, it was not advertized, and it was for invited guests only.

As a member of the public who the Forest Service serves, I think one lie is enough to stop and restart the Sunny Oaks Project. Our current Forest supervisor has an opposite opinion. Forest supervisor Carrie Gilbert stated that if Forest supervisors Scardina and Dahl lied, Forester Tim Slone lied, and Forester Rachel Reed lied; it does not change the Project and it will continue as planned. To me, that means the Foresters handling the Sunny Oaks Project are not required to be honest. How can the people believe any part of the Project? Do the Foresters get the USDA seal of corruption?

When our government officials are not required to be honest, are we in the U.S.A. or Russia?

The Foresters state that everything that was required in the Sunny Oaks Project was done. That may have been true if other promises weren't made.

Everytime a Forester made a promise, that promise became a requirement.

Once upon a time, there was a young Forest Supervisor who thought it was important for the Forest Service to be honest. Was that just a fleeting moment in Camelot?




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