Mr. Jeff Rivera

District Ranger

Wenatchee River Ranger District

Leavenworth, Washington

Dear Mr. Rivera,

Regarding the UWPP EA document following are my thoughts and observtions.

1. I am concerned over the immediate area surrounding Chiwawa Pines. This area appears to be lower in priority and should be more of an immediate concern for intense forest floor cleaning and tree thinning. There are hundreds of downed trees and trees that have been killed by beetles surrounding this heavily populated area. Within the development there have been implemented individual fire wise protection measures, but surrounding areas for some time now have remained a huge hazard to the community.

2. I am concerned over the road access closures near the Wenatchee River along the Chiwawa Loop Rd. This area is heavily trafficked throughout most of the year with vehicles, rogue campers, dirt bikes, cyclist and hikers. I understand the need to protect erosion near the river as well as the fish and wildlife in this area, but people will access this area regardless for their recreation. My concern is that vehicles and rogue campers, who pose a high fire hazard, will still frequent these closures, and how are you planning to manage or protect that area from potential fire danger on local communities.

Thank you for you time.