

Corn Creek Project #63423

Environmental Assessment Comment Form

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Corn Creek Public Scoping. After reviewing the overview of the proposed project, we would appreciate your consideration of our comments:

1. Please include repairing damage caused by vehicles and equipment, (large ruts, skid wallows etc.) and litter/trash cleanup (oil cans, chains, herbicide containers, spills) created during both the proposed forest management activities and the proposed road activities to include the temporary access roads by both USFS persons and contractors. Ruts and other damage pose hazards and remain on the landscape for many decades. Trash and spills pose physical and health hazards to wildlife, water quality, and recreationists, as well as encouraging illegal dumping.
2. Since the USFS/ contractors will already be in the project areas, please cleanup old or active dump sites. This will eliminate health and water quality hazards and help to discourage future illegal dumping.
3. Please include control of non-native invasive plant species in areas opened-up by the various forest management activities and along the road projects. Non-native invasive species spread quickly into areas with increased sunlight to the detriment of native species and the wildlife that rely on them.
4. It appears that approximate half of the Corn Creek Management Area is being proposed as part of this project. Does the USFS have plans for the remainder of the area?
5. It would be helpful to include a larger scale map locating the various management prescription areas.
6. We would appreciate being notified of actions as the NEPA process moves forward to approval, as well as being notified when the various projects are scheduled to begin.

As landowners adjoining USFS public lands, we appreciate the work and efforts by the USFS to benefit and improve the environment, recreation, and the economy.

Sincerely,

John Johnson and Emily Brown