

Appendix: Field Checking Observations, Photos, and Recommendations

Road	Field Checking Notes
2719-000	Fuels treatment: • A mix of young and mature forest; some of the young forest is quite dense but the mature forest is widely spaced. Many of the trees are burn scarred but most are alive, green. The downslope is steep in many parts—70 to 80 degrees in certain areas. Fall and leave: • A more severe burn section. Little understory, mostly grass. Most trees are dead. 

(along Slick Creek in purple/fuels reduction area)



(green/fall & leave along Slick Creek)

2719-
617





(purple)



(purple/fuels reduction)



(red/commercial)

2719-720	(red/commercial → purple/fuels treatment) Steep upslope on the east side of the road. Minimal exposed bedrock; ground cover = soil/grass where there are no trees or moss and ferns where there are trees. Maples in poor health here—scorched leaves due to drought or heat stress?
2719-800	 (red/commercial)



(red/commercial) Large trees within distance of road.



(purple/fuels reduction)



(purple/fuels reduction)

Shrubby maples growing back along roadside. Grassy undergrowth; horsetail; ferns growing in areas with canopy cover. East side is relatively open, mature forest. Older trees with burn scars. **Maintain large trees without indicators of failure here.**

2759-000	(purple/fuels reduction) Along 2759-617 (leading to 425 and 400): Dense undergrowth on both sides of the road. Large trees with some minimal burn scarring, yet alive and green.
2759-400	(red/commercial) Steep rocky terrain, dry dead grasses, some wildflowers.

	• Mostly dead mature trees with intense burn scars. • Downhill slope to the southside of the road is very steep; less dense, dead tree coverage. • Upslope, north-side of the road is more densely covered in dead trees. • Large rocks scattered across the road; consistent rockfall throughout.
2759-425	 A photograph showing a steep, rocky hillside covered in dead, charred trees, likely a result of a wildfire. The foreground features a gravel road and yellow wildflowers. The sky is blue with some clouds.

	Landslide blocks the road leading into 2759-400. High severity, spindly young trees with not much commercial value. Steep, rocky soils susceptible to future landslides. Road gives access to and goes along Cavitt Ridge. Access notes: "Planting Access" and "PODs." The ridge has already burned significantly—how do high severity fire impacted areas play into the PODs model and fire mitigation goals? Other than some potentially interesting rock features for recreational interest, my recommendation would be to remove this road and 2759-426, 400 from the project.
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2813-
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(red/commercial)



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(purple/fuels reduction) - steep slope

2925-900	Commercial: - Northernmost: the downslope to the north is very steep; the south is pretty flat. There are a lot of young, dense, dead trees. - Southernmost: Dense, dead trees in the north; some larger trees and more spacing in the south. Recommend reducing the reach of the commercial zone to the south.
3100-000	Fuels treatment: - Consistently throughout fuel treatment sections, small trees are dead and older trees are alive. Trees closest to road are alive. More burn damage on west side; still a lot of living trees, not a lot of understory. East side a very steep downslope. Fall and leave: - Very dense section. Commercial: - Lots of dead trees but not many trees close to the road. Southwest steep downslope.
3100-600	Fall and leave: - East section mostly dead trees, transitions to young living trees close to the road and more mature living trees farther from the road. Commercial: - Mostly dead trees; very steep downslope. Fuels treatment: - Mix of dead trees and dense young forest.