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Hello All,

Apologies for the delay in getting this info out but the RO met with industry earlier this season and voiced as a group some concerns below. The last 2 bullet points I feel are things we are seeing pop up on the GMUG. Industry is supportive of more winter sales and it will have an impact on our current winter recreation and our 5 year plan starting in 2023, as of now only shows sales with SBEADMR and Taylor Park NEPA decisions. We are looking at a big cliff in 2025 the baseline we have given MFP is 55,000ccf but none of our plans in any year get us to that number, granted it's typical that the 1-3 years are solid and years 4-5 are very much in the planning phase. I have not heard the concern of sales under running by the 20% but we do have deterioration of salvage volume that has been tricky but we have mutually cancelled sales and worked with industry on these specific sales. The GMUG does offer a lot of Tree measurement sales and now SBEADMR can allow tethered logging up to 60% slope, so hitting the mark on the other concerns 😊. Reachout if you would like to discuss in more detail.



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Hello All,

On 7/11 the Intermountain Forest Association and Colorado Timber Industry representatives along with several purchasers from the region met with Frank Beum, Regional Forester, Jacque Buchanan, Deputy Regional Forester, Rick Truex, Renewable Resources Director, Bryan Karchut, Safety, Fire and Aviation Management Director, Bill Yemma and me. It was an RF/Industry meeting requested by industry to go over some issues they would like addressed. I wanted to relay the information that was discussed. Some of the issues were:

- A consistent 20% underrun on sales.
- Slope restrictions and access restrictions- Need access to steep slope areas and other currently inaccessible areas. Revisit areas that are closer to the mills that may need a more expensive logging system. It may now be economically feasible.
- Tree measurement method required. (The use of scaled sales will no longer be restricted within the Rocky Mountain Region. This policy is consistent with expected changes to national directives currently under development by the Forest Products Modernization initiative and will allow local forest managers to determine the most efficient method to measure and account for wood products being harvested from National Forest System lands. A letter of direction is coming out from the RO)
- Seasonal restrictions for wildlife and recreation and limitations on weekend hauling are having a negative impact on completing projects. Timber is always the restricted activity if there is a conflict. Since we are in a wildfire crisis (our words) they asked for a waiver so they can haul on weekends and some federal holidays.
- Industry needs a baseline volume to work off of. A five year harvest schedule with offer split out by sawtimber vs non-saw and by species is necessary for industry to understand what our needs are and to pivot with us. Treat the stands to meet objectives and let industry know what will be offered. (We will be exploring barriers to achieving this in future program manager calls.)

I have also included the gap spreadsheet industry presented. It reveals the gap between industry needs and what we offer. Please review for your Forests purchasers.

It was an honest dialog and purchasers present were truly concerned about being able to stay in business with our reduced offer last year and 60,000 CCF less this year than last. Forest product infrastructure is in trouble due to lack of volume offered. We know western mills are totally dependent on federal timber for their business needs.

We are setting up an all hands meeting and will include a panel of industry representatives for discussion of these issues.

Discussion of these issues will be on the agenda of our next program manager's call. If you have any questions or comments please send them to me. Thanks.



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