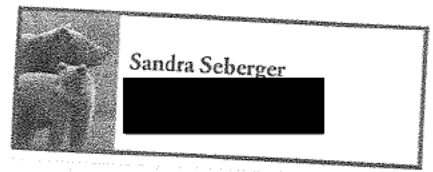


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Bear Lodge Ranger District
North Sand Forest Management Project
From: Sandra L. Seberger, Sierra Group SD.

The Sierra Club of the Black Hills thanks you for this opportunity to comment on the North Sand Forest Management Project of 11,062 acres of National Forest lands of the Black Hills National Forest.

Climate Change has altered ~~previous~~^{our} Sierra's concerns of previous styles of our forest management. No longer can cut's of the mature trees of 80-120 years of age be whisked away by the saw mills. And replaced by a low-density, young forest carbon capacity requiring 80-100 years? Times have changed, today.

The ~~the~~ ^{American} Sierra Group belongs to the growing 130 environmental groups of Private Forest Coalition ~~at~~^{at} the White House in D.C. for 2 Forest Policy amendments. This is an American first. The amendments are: 1) Leave Old Growth Forests and 2) Leave Standing Mature Trees. Signatures - 525,000 - have been received in DC from Americans seeking to end the harvesting (cut dead) Old Growth Forest. In June, July, and August, we will collect 700,000 American names to support the Leave Standing Mature Trees Policy.

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The White House request for forest tree counting is finished. We have the number of our Black Hills National Forest. I have recently learned years ago, our Sierra Group help to keep loggers out of the road less area. Now I understand my "drive through as look on the group" trip ~~also~~ revealed the stunning mature trees and, maybe a speck of Old Growth Forest left standing there many years. I noticed in your proposal how small the fires have been.

With the sensitivity to a successful amendment being nationally considered, I suggest: This management project ~~is~~ undergo a higher forest assessment by the Chief Deputy Forester. Climate Change is at stake.

These acres of forest hidden away in Wyoming is the strongest example of a healthy, natural forest I have witnessed in the BTH National Forest. Stunning!

I think the very best proposal action is: blow kisses from the Forest Service and the American people into this extraordinary remnant of forest to keep on ward for Climate Change, saying "Thank you trees!"
Sandra Secker