

farmers, in some form they are all dependent on the timber resources from our land.

It is my hope you will pay more attention to the health of our forest and return it to the healthy forest it once was back in the fifties and sixties. If you had maintained the forest like it was back then, you would not be dealing with the mess you have today.

I think the forest service needs to spend more time

working in the forest and spending less time planning on how to keep the public out, you need to include Fire in your document, there is a great need for change in fire, instead of trying to use fire as the lazy man's way of cleaning up the forest. If you take the money congress gives you for fire and use it to clean up the forest by hiring contractors to do your thinning projects, put out four or five timber sales a year instead of one. I think you would be surprised at the progress and how quickly you would start seeing positive