



FW: [External Email]Blue mountain forest revision plan

From FS Blues Forest Plan <SM.FS.bluesforests@usda.gov>

Date Thu 11/7/2024 11:19 AM

To McCormack, Jamie FS, OR <Jamie.McCormack@usda.gov>; Plocharsky, Janet FS, OR <janet.plocharsky@usda.gov>

I am not sure how you would like to upload this one....Because I am not sure if their entire response will need to be entered into CARA or just the sentences where they specifically state their feedback.

I will leave that up to you.

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From: Bill Drewien [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 11:37 AM
To: FS-Blues Forest Plan <SM.FS.bluesforests@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: [External Email]Blue mountain forest revision plan

Attention Bailey Langley,

I originally ask for hard copies of the Blue Mountain Forrest plan which I never received. What you sent was a micro pdf format that is unreadable when expanded. I not sure if you really expect people to read

this, but I do find this to be a slap in the face if you truly want public input. I have spent over 50 years working in the resource field. I have a degree in Range Management with minors in Soils and Botany and have worked in this field. I've been a district Range Conservationist, district T&E plant specialists, developed allotment management plans, written Environmental Impact Assessments and conducted ecological site assessments, stratified the condition class and a provided the different successional conditions to the wildlife biologists to survey wildlife diversity.

I'm rather disappointed that the forest service would send out for public review an unreadable public document asking for public input.

I just spent 5 days camping in north malhuer river area. The following is my assessment:

1) it appears this forest lack's forest management. There are dead and dying trees everywhere along with excessive down woody material on the forest floor.

2)a complete lack of vegetative management. The number of livestock observed are too few to achieve any sort of logical management. Meadows reviewed were so lightly grazed that thatch was building.

Wildlife do not like rank forage, they prefer lush regrowth.

3) riparian vegetation was so heavy it was very difficult walking and showed very little use.

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4)in summary it appears to me the north Malhuer river area is being set up for a catastrophic fire in the near future due to mismanagement by the forest service.

All the ingredients for a catastrophic fire are in place. Excessive down woody material everywhere on forest floor, very light grazing throughout the forest. A build up of old vegetation waiting for a lightning strike or a careless individual.

My recommendation is remove many of the dead or dying trees and managed the forest.

Increase grazing numbers to aid in fuel reduction.

Wildlife diversity needs edge effect, vertical and horizontal vegetation. This can be accomplished by forest management, grazing and working with your local community to benefit and balance the needs of the forest service with the local community.

The wealth of a nation are its natural resources if we fail to recognize this we will fail as a nation. Burning up our natural resources is a poor option and doesn't require thousands of forest service employees to implement. Proper management requires thought, trial and error and paying attention to what works.

The one size fits all proposed option does not work. You need to reevaluate your forest plan and listen to the local people.

You may consider this my input to Blue Mountain Forest Plan.

Next time please send readable documents.

Sincerely,

Bill Drewien

> On Oct 16, 2024, at 11:02 AM, FS-Blues Forest Plan <SM.FS.bluesforests@usda.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning,

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> The Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision is currently in the Assessment Phase of the land management planning process. On October 4th, 2024, the Forest Service released the Final Assessment Summary, Final Assessment Reports, and the draft Preliminary Need to Change documents. These documents were released from the Forest Service to county commissioners and the public in October 2024.

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> The Final Assessment Summary and Final Assessment Reports present existing conditions about the Blue Mountains National Forests. Input gathered from the feedback period, and the eight public

meetings held in April 2024, reflected local knowledge about existing conditions, concerns, and perceptions regarding social, economic, and ecological systems, and was used to revise the draft Assessment and produce the Final Assessment Summary and Final Assessment Reports. This is not the forest plan itself.

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> The Final Assessments were used to identify the need to change the existing land management plan. The revision team reviewed information in the Final Assessments, public feedback received during designated input periods and meetings, and the 2018 revision efforts, when preparing the draft Preliminary Need to Change, which provides the framework for the development of a revised plan.

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> The draft Preliminary Need to Change document is open for informal feedback through November 7th. Public input will help the Forest Service refine the framework for the development of the forest plan. Public input can be provided by recommending feedback or edits to the draft Preliminary Need to Change statements or identifying other needed changes to the current 1990 Forest Plans.

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> Informal feedback will be accepted through physical mail or through the online database, CARA, <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcara.fs2c.usda.gov%2FPublic%2F%2FCommentInput%3FProject%3D64157&data=05%7C02%7CJamie.McCormack%40usda.gov%7C82f152215de44bd209b608dcff611e9c%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1%7C0%7C638666039826390092%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljo1TWfPbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wBiJVfk%2F9pNCbWdH2CTXZtuM8hBG%2B947cT4ZdckQ6BE%3D&reserved=0>

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> I have attached the link to the Final Assessment Summary, Final Assessment Reports, and draft Preliminary Need to Change documents: <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fusfs-public.app.box.com%2Fv%2FPinyonPublic%2Ffolder%2F208417236164&data=05%7C02%7CJamie.McCormack%40usda.gov%7C82f152215de44bd209b608dcff611e9c%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1%7C0%7C638666039826405354%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljo1TWfPbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6Zfp7Di%2FIBKAXaxXcBxZ5kZC6XWKWoprcOv0VYk5HvI%3D&reserved=0>. These documents can be saved and printed. If you have any issues accessing these files, please let us know.

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> To learn more about the planning process, what a forest plan is, future public engagement opportunities, and all information regarding the revision, visit: <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2F35wtfbpj&data=05%7C02%7CJamie.McCormack%40usda.gov%7C82f152215de44bd209b608dcff611e9c%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C1%7C0%7C638666039826420262%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljo1TWfPbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CIUoR56OpMRgmsj8KAWOv2RhtRJeN8k2SZ8fDAqMOTc%3D&reserved=0>

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> Please let me know if this answers your questions.

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> To whom it may concern.
> Yes I would like all information on this revised plan. In addition I would like a copy of executive summary and any additional summaries to county commissioners.
> I would appreciate hard copies. Send to:
> Bill Drewien

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