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Lost River IRP HMU analysis?

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Zack,

Please see my responses to your questions below in blue.

Best,
Theresa

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Thanks, Theresa.

I'm adding one question (number 1) in the list below.

I was hoping to attend last night's public meeting but couldn't make it because of a family conflict.

Thanks again and have a good weekend,

Zack

1. Can you please share a map of any "old-growth forest," "old forest habitat," or "old growth enriched upland forest community" (as defined in the WMNF 2005 Forest Plan "Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Glossary") in the Lost River IRP Project Area?
We don't have maps of these.
2. Can you please share with me any botanist reports or silvicultural stand exams that were conducted for the Lost River IRP?

The BE and the NNIS report are posted on the project webpage. There is no separate botany report. For the silvicultural stand exams - you will need to submit a FOIA

3. Can you please share how many acres of each HMU are in the "old forest" age class as described in the WMNF 2005 Forest Plan, Appendix D (attached)?

We don't have that information.

4. Can you please share how many acres are proposed for vegetation management in the "old forest" age class in the Proposed Action, as described in the WMNF 2005 Forest Plan, Appendix D (attached)?

You will need to submit a FOIA for that data.

5. Can you please provide a map that depicts the stands within the entire Project Area and their age class as described in the WMNF 2005 Forest Plan, Appendix D (attached)?

We don't have a map of that.

6. Can you please provide a map and/or table showing the stand age (***note: not the age class, but the actual age of the stand***) for each stand within the Lost River IRP Project Area?

We can only know the actual age of the stand if there has a stand replacing disturbance, such as a fire or a clear cut. If not, we may have data from a previous stand exam or we will look at Year of Origin (YOO). YOO doesn't look at the oldest trees in the stand but looks for species that may need open areas and we core a sample of those. We don't look for the older because they are not representative of the stand as a whole. For information we have on all stands in the project area we rely on the two HMU analysis docs which are posted on the project webpage. If by actual age of the stand, you mean Year of Origin, you will need to submit a FOIA. If actual age of the stand does not mean YOO, you will have to define and likely need to submit a FOIA.

7. Can you please share a table depicting the age classes for each "Harvest Unit" proposed for vegetation management?

You will need to submit a FOIA for this

8. Can you please share a map that shows how "Harvest Units" overlap stands in the Lost River IRP Project Area?

We don't have a map of that.

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