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Ranger Brian Anderson  
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Dear Ranger Brian Anderson,

The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners objects to closing roads within the Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project.

In addition, in accordance with an agreement through the Blue Mountains Intergovernmental Council, the U.S. Forest Service is to come to the Board of Commissioners when recommending any roads closures.

The following roads listed in the Morgan Nesbit draft EA for storage, closure or decommissioning on pages 12,13,14 and 15 and included in tables 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 **should remain open:**

3940 063  
3930 380  
3930 417  
3930 265  
3930 266  
3935 290

Below is from the Wallowa County Natural Resource Management Plan, Chapter 7, Planning and Implementation Guidance, p. 68-69.

**GOAL: MANAGE THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ROADS, TRAILS, AIRSTRIPS, AND 1 WATERWAYS) TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**

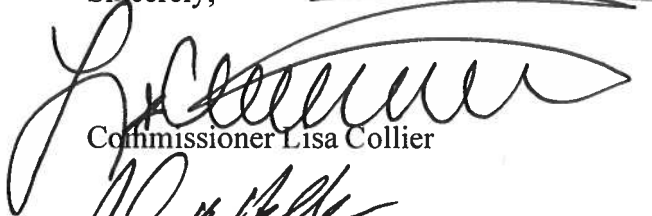
» Objective Acc-O1.1: Manage the transportation system to provide safe and efficient access for the movement of people and materials on public lands. Provide and manage facilities that permit access to a variety of settings, opportunities, and experiences, regardless of visitor's physical abilities.

- Standard Acc-S1.1: Allow construction after site specific analysis of short-term roads for timber harvest activities. Upon completion of harvest activities, short-term roads will be immediately stabilized and closed

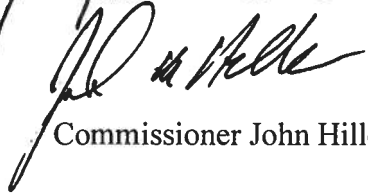
- Standard Acc-S1.2: Maintenance of roads will be managed to retain existing surfacing, alignment, and prism.

- Guideline Acc-G1.3.1: stabilize the toes of landslides by planting native and desirable non-native vegetation (the plant mix should include species that can rapidly establish on newly exposed soil and that can form root systems that will stabilize the soil).
- Guideline Acc-G1.3.2: A supply of seeds for native and desirable non-native vegetation should be kept on hand for planting to stabilize any future slides in the wilderness.
- Guideline Acc-G1.3.3: Study and manage recreational, livestock, and wildlife trail systems (and their overall use) to ensure that they do not result in further excess sedimentation.
- Guideline Acc-G1.3.4: Limit dust from roads with lignosulfonate, water, chip seal, or asphalt.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Lisa Collier



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Commissioner Susan Roberts