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Comments: I am a cabin owner in the Stahlman Summer Home tract and president of the Stahlman Summer Home Association. I am writing in regards to the proposed Dry Beard project and the effects it may have on our members. We are pleased that the project includes a proposal to repair or replace the Idanha Bridge. This bridge provides the only access to our cabins as well as the other recreation amenities on the south side of Detroit Lake as mentioned in the EA.

While all the Dry Beard units are well outside of our tracts, the increased heavy-vehicle traffic on an already failing Blowout Road, referred to as road 100000 in the EA, is of concern. Although no mention of the timing of the project is included in the EA, experience tells me it will coincide with the heaviest usage of Blowout Road. Cabin owners at the Stahlman Summer Home tract start opening up their cabins in April and usage is heavy through November. The North Santiam Sportsman's Club opens their facility for the season in mid-May and usage continues through mid-September. The three Forest Service campgrounds, Hoover, Cove Creek, and Southshore, are also operating during this timeframe. The Stahlman Point Trail, with its trailhead 3.5 miles from the entrance to Blowout Road, is a popular hike for visitors to the North Santiam area throughout the recreation season.

I have approached the Detroit Ranger District several time about the condition of Blowout Road. Fog lines and center lines are all but non-existent on a good portion of the road and need to be repainted. Brush and tree limbs are encroaching on the traffic lanes. A hole at approx. 0.4 MP developed in 2016 and although excavated and twice filled with gravel, has not been adequately repaired and continues to be a problem. Vehicles often swerve into the other traffic lane to avoid the hole. A long crescent-shaped crack at approx. 1.5 MP appears to indicate slope failure on the hillside on north side of the road. Numerous small potholes and cracks of various types all indicate a lack of proper road maintenance. I have attached some photos taken 9/5/2019 which show some of the issues. All were taken between the start of the road and the Stahlman Point trailhead. The response from the District office has been to point to a lack of funding. If the Dry Beard project is approved and work moves forward, I suggest some on the income derived from the timber sale be allocated to improving the condition of Blowout Road.