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Comments: Climate Impact Analysis for the Lolo National Forest Plan Revision

Dear Forest Plan Revision Team,

As you know, on January 9th 2023 the Council on Environmental Quality issued new guidance for consideration of climate impacts in the context of National Environmental Policy Act reviews of proposed actions by federal agencies. The guidance applies to all pre-decisional NEPA documents, including the DEIS that has (or will) be prepared for the Lolo Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) revision.

On behalf of the Forest Carbon Coalition and our members and supporters who are affected by management decisions of the Lolo National Forest, I am writing to request that you take immediate actions to incorporate the new CEQ guidance into the forest plan revision process by preparing a rigorous analysis of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other climate impacts associated with land disturbing activities that will be authorized by the LRMP.

As input to that process, I have attached an analysis prepared by one of our Steering Committee Members - the Center for Sustainable Economy - detailing the GHG emissions and climate impacts associated with proposed logging, road building, and grazing activities on the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest in Idaho based on the new CEQ guidance. This analysis provides a valuable source of information and methods to help guide your efforts. Please include this document in the administrative record for the LRMP revision. And please add Forest Carbon Coalition to the mailing list for the plan revision effort. My contact information is below.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the issues we've raised.

Sincerely,

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