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Comments: It is our contention that the Forest Service is not using the best available science information (BASI) when conducting economic analysis. We believe neoclassical theory is hopelessly outdated and no longer applicable as a BASI economics. We offer two documents that point the way to a view of what a BASI economics might look like. Two pdf documents attached.

Economics as if ecology mattered.

Peter Newell

"That neo-classical and conventional economics are not fit for purpose for either understanding the current world nor building a better one, is no longer a controversial statement amid growing calls for real world and post-growth economics. (D'Alisa 2014). The inability of conventional economics to account for actually existing social and economic life and reification of a structurally dysfunctional organisation of the capitalist system which produces crisis after intersecting crisis, increasingly understood as either the poly crisis or permacrisis, is there for all to see (Lawrence et al 2022)."

An economic theory compatible with life processes and physical laws.

James K. Galbraith

"An economic theory that is consistent with life processes and physical laws is necessary for a simple reason: The economic theory that underlies modern, mainstream economics and practically all textbook teaching in economics is not consistent with life processes and physical laws. And this is a problem."