

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/6/2024 8:00:00 AM

First name: Patty

Last name: Dorroh

Organization: Harney County

Title: County Commissioner

Comments: Dr. Costie,

Even though I have not been able to attend the BIC meetings lately, I have briefly looked over these documents and want to provide input. Please allow for more than just a few days to get input from everyone. The way that the Draft Forest Plan is separated into two themes - for Forest wide Desired Conditions (Promote Ecological Integrity and Promote Social and Economic Sustainability) - and then fails to acknowledge and address the reality that achieving both across the forest will not often be possible at the same time in the same areas of the forest - because achieving substantial and sustainable beneficial and multiple use of the resource as well as public access goals (which the public demands and deserves) does impact the ecological integrity aspects, just as achieving ecological goals impacts and limits the socio-economic beneficial and multiple use aspects. Some areas of the forest should be / will need to be planned to emphasize the focus on one or the other desired condition.

Throughout this draft interim work product, the wording between the socio-economic desired condition portions of many of the statements and the ecological health portions of those same statements are basically non-starters - due to the connecting phrases in the sentences [in particular stating things like "while providing," "but keeps," "as well as," "and," "if they support," "while contributing to," etc.] I don't see the social and economic sustainability and beneficial use goals and conditions ever being successfully achieved with such conditional language and when not addressing the elephant in the room - forest wide desired conditions will and must vary considerably across the forest areas in order to achieve all the goals.

Combining three differing national forests into one plan further exacerbates the challenge to drafting a decent, workable, productive, successful and publicly acceptable plan. I realize that decision was already made, but still. Thank you for your consideration. Patty Dorroh Harney County Commissioner