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RE: Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision [ldquo]Need for Change[rdquo]

Please record our feedback below to your Need of Change document dated 10/04/2024 Section 1. 1990 Forest Plan Direction is Inconsistent with the 2012 Planning Rule

Need for change and assessment fail to specifically address how the 1990 forest plan is inconsistent with the 2012 planning rule.

Section 2. Plan Amendments Point to the Need for Revision

If the plan forest plan is inconsistent with the 2012 planning rule, how is that a revision of the plan is warranted, and not a comprehensive new plan.

Section 3. Work together to create durable, implementable, integrated land management plans The public has not been allowed into the process to create durable, implementable, integrated land management plans.

The public has consistently requested since 2018[rsquo]s withdrawal of the failed attempt to revise the forest plans to be engaged at the BIC and participate as co-equals in the planning process and has been denied access all along, while special interest groups have been allowed membership at the detriment of those residents.

Section 4. Address Contributions to Social and Economic Sustainability

What defines sustainability. Does the Forest Service plan to sustain the current depressed economic

conditions that have plagued the region for the last nearly 40 years, or does the agency plan to develop management plans to improve those conditions through more extractive/working lands models of

management?

The Need for Change language would be better served as [lsquo]develop contributions from forest service administered lands that promote social and economic vitality (not sustainability).

Section 6. Maintain or Restore Aquatic Habitats and Ecosystem Integrity

Add [hellip] through a well maintained roads infrastructure that allows for managed working lands to meet item 4.

Section 7.      Maintain or Restore Ecosystem Integrity and Reduce Wildfire Risks to Habitats and Communities

Add [hellip] through a well maintained roads infrastructure that allows for managed working lands to meet item 4.

Thank you

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