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Comments: Dear Mr. Cross,

The Emerald Chapter of Native Plant Society is pleased to be able to comment on your Calloway Project.

To our knowledge, this is the first EA that you have written that has no analysis of botanical issues, which concerns us. It is our understanding that botanical surveys for sensitive plants will be completed in high probability habitat (we suggest riparian areas, meadows and wetlands and stands with greater than 80 year old forest remnants) prior to timber harvest, but how is this to be tracked to make sure it is completed? How will the public know surveys have been completed and see what mitigation measures have been designed for sensitive species, if found?

Similarly, how will the public know and be able to comment on the restoration of 599 acres of meadows without knowing what species are out there and what the specific proposals might be for habitat enhancement of those meadows?

It would be very helpful to include either project design criteria or some type of explanation in the final EA that spells out how the public will be engaged throughout each phase of the project. It should be no surprise that we are specifically interested in tracking surveys for sensitive plants (of which there are several in the project area) and proposals for meadow habitat enhancement that come out of each phase. Will there be an annual report sent out to folks who comment on the EA detailing what is proposed for each stage and giving them time to comment?

We look forward to re-engaging and being able to comment on proposed activities coming out of this abbreviated Environmental Assessment since that opportunity seems to be currently deferred.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Lippert

President, Emerald Chapter