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Comments: sent to Amanda Williams on May 25. She is not available until May 28, so am submitting it myself today, May 26.

I ask that if the document The Case for Cottonwood Canyon: A Profile cannot be viewed here, please contact me, I will get you a copy!!

Thank you.

This is the link...if you have Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/e691u2gknp1qhptsur5cw/The-Case-for-Cottonwood-Canyon-DOCUMENT.pdf?rlkey=cb4hvkwx3a61336dmny5y&st=z0t8mj9n&dl=0>

This the link via Google Link:

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Hello Amanda,

I am writing you to ask if you received this document that I dropped off at the Bozeman District office on Friday, the 23rd. The gal at the desk told me you were @ the West Yellowstone District, but that she could scan the pages and send it via email. I was so grateful, as I'd intended to send this earlier as a part of my "comment" on the FS Hyalite/Cottonwood Fuel Reduction Project comment page. My comment was posted fine, but was not sure the file for this attachment that I had available would get to you. I always have trouble with Google, and my OS needed to be up-dated before it could be opened in Drop Box!

This little document is a compiled history of when Cottonwood Canyon was protected from Plum Creek Timber Company intentions to log its two sections of checkerboard land in this canyon, back in 1989. A group of citizen advocates (Concerned Citizens for Cottonwood) invested a tremendous collective effort to intervene in this project, and were successful in convincing the US Congress to validate our concerns by allocating \$2 million to purchase these sections from Plum Creek, and to consolidate these prized wild lands with the remaining Forest Service sections in the canyon. It was a tremendous relief to those of us who know this canyon, (many including my parents and myself) who live here. We were among the many hundred members of this group who rallied to educate the public and the Forest Service and the US Congress (via Max Baucus at the time) to step in to acknowledge the value of leaving this "Vest Pocket Wilderness"(dubbed by Norman Strung, president of the CCC) as ecologically pristine, un-roaded wild land, home to many species of wildlife and indigenous biodiversity of old growth forests, and esthetically cherished by Cottonwood and Gallatin Valley residents.

Because I still have files from these days from 26 years ago, this little booklet that was compiled at the time by a member, Lorraine McDonald...seemed a relevant and perhaps necessary addition to the many comments that you are receiving from the public about this current project. We know there are those who believe it's the right thing to do, to "treat" this forest for fuel reduction, fire mitigation as stated...but we trust that these comments of opposition to this prescribed action, so carefully prepared by many at this historical juncture of a long history of

conservation, will be regarded with care and ample consideration to understand the passionate reasoning behind, and essentially counter-argument to the perceived "emergency" of this project.

This history is certainly a fundamental factor we ask you to consider, but the most essential dispute we need you to acknowledge, is the current climate science regarding logging practices today.

I won't reiterate these arguments here, as they have been thoroughly and comprehensively prepared by a number of ecologists and conservationists, whom you will find immeasurably educational AND interesting! by their breadth of expertise on issues of wildlife habitat, current climate (change) science effects on Mature and Old Growth Forests, road construction disturbance ...We're so grateful for their articulate expertise in these areas of controversy! (To learn more, please see comments of *Clint Nagel from Gallatin Wildlife Association, *George Wuerthner, ecologist, *Doug Rand, secretary from CCC from 1989, *Phil Knight, conservationist, *James Engel, John Muir Project submission, and *Nanci Ostli from GWA).

Please submit this letter with the Hyalite/Cottonwood Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project comments, as a separate comment or as an attachment to my previous comment if necessary. And please submit The Case for Cottonwood Canyon: A Profile, as an attachment to this letter. I so much appreciate your assistance with this submission.

Thank you so much for your help!

Tina DeWeese
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p.s. Please let me know if you received the document, or if I need to send it again. Thanks!

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