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COMMENTS ON THE LITTLE CROW RESTORATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Little Crow Restoration Project Environmental Assessment document of 500 pages was very hard to decipher with the special interest of groups buried in pages of information. This large document I feel is counterproductive to the purpose of the project. This document of 500 pages was reduced to 2 pages for the public meeting, which was not advertised in the local newspaper.

On roads (transportation) there is a proposed action, a modified proposed action and a summary of road treatments presented at the public meeting. Are all of these up for consideration? Public access is stated as a top priority.

The seasonal closure of FSR 1921 is slated from April 1st to June 30th. With the rest of the road system having a seasonal closure of April 1st to June 15th for the mudding issue. Why the difference? Will the Travel Management Plan mentioned on page 3-183 supersede these issues when implemented?

The lower part of the historic Naches Trail now closed to motorized use in part of the Little Crow Restoration Project should be preserved and possibly be reopened to motorized use.

For the most part I support the Little Crow Restoration Plan to restore the resilience and the health of the forest. I question some of the motives of the special interest groups. This project should get under way before the whole area burns down.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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