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Keith Lammon
PNF Forest Supervisor
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RE: Middle Fork Weiser River DEIS comments

Dear Supervisor Lammon:

Some years ago, Adams County , through ordinance, created the Adams County Natural Resource Committee. This group was to research and advise the Commissioners on natural resource issues that affect our county and its residents. Ron Hamilton is the chairman. I have read his recommendations regarding the MFWR DEIS and the Board fully supports his comments. I have a few items that I'd like to bring forward in addition.

The Board of Commissioners support Alternative 4 regarding vegetative management for the following reasons:

More White Bark Pine restoration is needed, part curly in the West Mountain region. White Bark Pine restoration is not adequately analyzed in the document.

Alternative 4 should be adopted to allow for the latest science to be used regarding the unoccupied lynx habitat. This is the best opportunity to utilize the project based Forest Plan Amendment.

Alternative 4 should be adopted to adhere to the upcoming revision of the Adams County Fire Mitigation Plan that adds the Tamarack Resort WUI, running from No Business Saddle along Road 218 (Jungle Creek Primary) south to the Mica Ridge country, taking all those lands to the East to the Adams/Valley County line.

Alternative 4 should be adopted regarding the vegetative management in PVG's 7-11. These lands are the most out of the Historical Range of Variability and can be corrected most quickly by mechanical means. This would also best comply with 2 of the 5 goals of the PFC: to increase forest resiliency which also reduces fuel loads, and to enhance the economic viability of the surrounding communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the MFWR DEIS.

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