STNF

3644 Avtech Parkway

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Subject: Trinity Co. Roads and PPP Comment

Attn. Brenda Olson

Thank you for the document sent.

The first thing that leaps out is that the map is practically unreadable, even the legend. I can’t find section numbers and this actually precludes further comment on it. We pay too much for road maintenance and should close more roads and meadow roads too.

I could not find details on acreage location and miles of road involved, actual acreage of types of habitat, etc. so it is difficult to get the scope of the project. All it says is 4000 acres and 40 miles somewhere. What salmon streams? What meadows? Where? etc.

Most of the document appears to be boiler plate from a standards and guidelines document like the forest plan. This is nice, but does not say much about the project. It more obfuscates by sheer volume, and hinders public comment on actual activity.

I recall documents from the SMMU on STNF when I was there 1981 thru 2007. Lots of stuff about standards, but what actually will be done where? What happened quite commonly on SMMU was that standards and guidelines were NOT strictly followed by district rangers and foresters, and I said so. Then they said “Oops!” And then said they “would not do that anymore.” But they did. I hope times have changed since M. Hupp.

Several spotted owl nest groves and prime wildlife areas were logged, and blowing the whistle made many foresters and rangers angry at me. I was beat up and physically assaulted three times, sexually harassed, etc. for which I won a settlement. That proves the complaint I make here of non-compliance with guidelines was not a myth.

The point is that if you propose a project, the public expectation is that you will begin playing by the rules and follow the guidelines. Getting an extra log out is no excuse for extra “productivity awards.” It’s not usually the troops, it’s the rangers and foresters.

Bluntly, the USFS has a severe credibility problem, certainly here at SMMU. You should act with reasonable integrity which has been severely lacking…… RSVP

Sincerely,

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