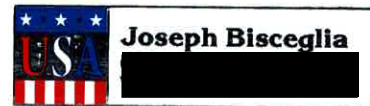


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The impact of LaVA, what will it mean to the people who live near or tourists from across the country? A logging operation, the extent of LaVA will dramatically lower visitation from all types of forest users. Especially people who just want to view the beauty of their national forest. Visualize 95000 thousands acres of clearcut. That's approximately a 10 by 15 mile open space. "Treatment" as it is called to 40% of the entire national forest is going to keep forest users and visitors out for many years to come. Albany and Carbon counties are going to pay the price, especially lost dollars from Colorado. The forest recreational value will be gone. There are many families who have forest service permits and own cabins. The value of these cabins will be gone. How would you accept that loss if you owned one? I guess they will just be looked at as collateral damage. The impact on wildlife will be even more pronounced. Over time browse and grazing will improve helping the ungulate population. But what of the forest carnivores such as the pine marten? And possible future lynx introductions? Hasn't the marten always been an indicator species for the overall health of forest ecosystems? When did the forest service abandon this model? Forest carnivores are dependent on downed timber and ground clutter for survival. And marten in particular need a canopy not open skies. Clean forests are not healthy forests. How will six hundred miles of roads improve a forest that already has too many roads? This entire plan should be nixed. My hope is that this plan will move to no action. Let the forest heal itself like it has for millions of years. It has already started that process.



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