

Mr. Jeff Rivera  
District Ranger  
Wenatchee River Ranger District  
Leavenworth, WA

Dear Mr. Rivera,

We are the owners of the properties which make up the 257 acre community of Standing Rock Ranch on Camp 12 Road just south of Plain. We have some thoughts and questions regarding the UWPP EA document as follows:

- 1) It is paramount that the project implementation should start around the communities within the project area first and work it's way out, from the highest local risk areas to lower risk areas.
- 2) The plan does not appear to specifically call out WUI protection in the mapping and addressing continuing maintenance of these areas?
- 3) It does not seem prudent to exclude so many acres from the project area (25k). If there is a catastrophic fire within these areas there won't be any viable habitat that it appears the USFS is trying to save.
- 4) Community protection lines need to be a part of the plan.
- 5) Regarding roads: The plan MUST work to improve both access and egress. Is there a plan to improve egress? Homeowners on Camp 12 Road has one way ingress/egress. The potential to open Camp 12 Road for emergency egress is of great importance to us.
- 6) Burning has been sporadic at best on FS land for the past several years. What are the goals going forward and what can be done to improve the performance?
- 7) Have property values been addressed in the event of a catastrophic fire?
- 8) Is the USFS actively looking for alternative revenue streams to help funding for this important project? How much timber is planned to be removed in this project? It appears that the timber sale program is nearly non-existent in this district, especially within the project area, why is that and what are the plans to improve it? There are markets within reach that makes much of the timber economically viable.
- 9) Has a slash disposal program been developed for the areas to be treated (pre-commercial thinning, commercial thinning or logging)?
- 10) We feel a community monitoring work group working in conjunction with the USFS to develop goals and objectives and monitor progress would be very valuable.

We addressed some of these concerns in our March 19, 2019 letters of support for the project and they are still relevant, please see following letter.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are supportive of this project and feel that it crucial that the USFS is successful in its implementation and management of the UWPP.

Sincerely,

Don King & Florence Navida, Carter & Anna Rohrbough, Jonathan Karpov & Chrystell Flota, Frank & Linda Stull, Tom & Gale Shay, Craig & Sharon Birkby, Karen Tom, Chris & Diane Pottinger, Renata, Mike & Katerina Prochaska, Mary Gaudio, Steve & Anne Steindorf, John & Peggy Walton, Dick & Robin Morell, Scott & Tanya Morell, Kevin & Teri Peterson, Jeff & Lori James, Jim & Mary Painter, Paul & Cynthia Cappaert

Letter to USFS dated March 19, 2019 in support of project:

I am a property owner that lives or owns property within the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project area. I am concerned with the forest health in the project area and very supportive of the USFS's projected plans to aid in the recovery of forest health and increase fire safety of our local community. Following are several key components which I/we feel are needed to ensure the success of the long term plan and to improve fire safety.

- Regarding the question of where to start. The implementation should begin from residentially occupied land and move outward into the unoccupied forest land. Enhancing defensible spaces.
- The Plan should include the development of community protection zones or lines to prevent fire from both moving into communities and to prevent residential fires from moving out into the abundant fuels of the forest.
- Regarding trails and roads. The plan must work to improve both access and egress. To allow for safe evacuation routes from communities and to enable responding suppression teams to engage fire rapidly and effectively. Camp 12 Road is one example of an area within the plan area that has one way ingress and egress.
- Cooperative fuels reduction plans should include a local spot for controlled burning of woody debris when conditions permit under USFS supervision. The Super Pit is identified as a viable location for materials that may not otherwise be legally transported for disposal.

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Active pursuit of revenue streams and source funding to ensure all phases of implementation. To effectively initiate work on program goals and to ensure implementation finds a fast start and sustained momentum over the life of the Pilot Program. The Department of Natural Resources' Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) is one program that would appear to make sense to help in this regard.

Thank you

