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Comments: The federal agency must coordinate with the local management plan which defines the natural resource priority in terms of the economic, social and political customs and culture of the community. In those areas in which livestock grazing is critical to the economy priorities must be set with the economic backbone centralized. All local industries and uses that make up the economic strength of the community should be prioritized with regard to their dependence upon and impact upon the natural resources and environment. Each area's plan should be written specific to the area taking into account the adverse impact on the economy. The federal or state agencies restrict and reduce natural resource use. I believe our natural resources have been greatly restricted. I believe the use of it's been greatly restricted, and I do not believe we're getting satisfaction from the Forest Service through our County Commissioners. I don't believe they're giving our County Commissioners equal importance in the discussion. And I believe that the policy that's been sent back to our County Commissioners will prove that to be true.

I want to re-emphasize the definition of coordination is that our County Commissioners' input into the Forest Plan is of equal importance, rank or degree, not subordinate to. That's very important, as far as I'm concerned. And, in fact, if that's not done the Forest Service is not complying with the law.

I want to appeal to you to go back to the drawing board with our representatives and make their input equal to any other input so that they can do their job, be our representatives, and begin to restore.