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Comments: And one of the concerns that I see in it is the restoration areas. And, as a permittee, the good ground is up high, it's not down in somebody's back yard where you have management issues, and you have cattle coming down into people's places.

And in the proposed plan most of that restoration area is in the lowlands, in the already managed areas. We rely on a transitory range, and for transitory range, that is, areas that have been treated, harvest-treated, managed, grasses come back in, it opens up to where we get a transitory range, and then all of our allotments are big enough to where if they were doing those treatments and those timber activities we'd have transitory ranges on areas in those ranges, we'd be able to manage our cattle up a little higher.

In the proposed actions I see all the restoration, what they call restoration, is where they're going to use some management tools, it all comes down lower. They're not going to do any restoration or any management up high. And so those are concerns in the proposed plan.

Back in 1988 we went into all these Management Areas, and I believe there's 12 or 13 MA, what they call Management Areas. Most of our grazing allotments are in a Management -- MA 11. And MA 11 is what has promoted this wilderness-like areas that people really like to enjoy to go up and spend time in. We manage in those, we get our power tools to be able to manage in those areas, and if it goes into that wilderness area we don't get those power tools to manage in that area. It's a very convoluted process to hang on to those tools. That management gets to be tougher and tougher and tougher.

I would like to see management for those transitory ranges access for the public, the hikers --the way it is they love it, I don't believe that our wilderness characteristics are there.