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Comments: Amendment to public comment # 45826-693-543 regarding our comment submitted at 3:39 pm 6/30/2016 as to actual treatment acreage objectives we would respectfully add the following detail:

FW-OBG-VEG-01 Restoration: We urge active management activities on at least 10 to 20 thousand acres annually (as opposed to the plans suggested 6 to 12 thousand acres annually) over the next 15 years to move landscape structure toward Fire Regime Class I with the remainder in Fire regime class II trending toward Fire Regime Class I. If this requires 2 to 3 years to secure additional funding resources (such as, for example, what we urged in our earlier comment regarding a modern version of the old CCC-student program) begin with plans stated goals and increase annual acreage goals once such funding is secured.

FW-OBG-VEG-02 Native vegetation Restoration and invasive species prevention: Within 15 years of plan implementation we urge you actively restore an annual average of at least 100 to 150 acres (as opposed to the plans suggested 50 acres) consistent with site capability and integrated resource management objectives. If this requires 2 to 3 years to secure additional funding resources (such as, for example, what we urged in our earlier comment regarding a modern version of the old CCC-student program) begin with plans stated goals and increase annual acreage goals once such funding is secured.

FW-OBG-VEG-03 Invasive plant treatment: Within 15 years of plan implementation control invasive plant species an average of at least 2,000 acres annually but in years If this requires 2 to 3 years to secure additional funding resources (such as, for example, what we urged in our earlier comment regarding a modern version of the old CCC-student program) begin with plans stated goals and increase annual acreage goals once such funding is secured.

FW-OBG-VEG-04 Non-forest Habitats: Increase restoration so that 5 to 30 acres of special and unique habitats are treated annually within 15 years of implementation. If this requires 2 to 3 years to secure additional funding resources (such as, for example, what we urged in our earlier comment regarding a modern version of the old CCC-student program) begin with plans stated goals and increase annual acreage goals once such funding is secured.

If the U.S.F.S., together with CNF stakeholders/citizens and county and State Representatives can convince Congress that we must both restore our forest and create local jobs in so doing, the numbers we urge above will be attainable. We urge the forest service to increase the numbers as we've commented above as time is running out for the Colville National Forest and unless these things can occur sooner it simply may be too late.