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Comments: Forest Plan Revision

My Comments as Follows:

*** Chapter 1 - Introduction, Page 16, Lines 392 & 393:

This does not agree with the U.S. Forest Service original Mission Statement.

*** Plan DOES NOT address the following:

- 1 - Transitory Range
- 2 - Lack of sufficient interaction between private land owners (inholders & adjacent landowners) from the U.S.F.S.
 - Plan goes into great depth explaining how their actions will affect other agency public lands (DNR-Fish & Wildlife- BLM), But no mention of any effects on private landowners.
- 3 - Major Catastrophes - Floods, Earthquakes, Fires, Etc.
- 4 - Number of tourism or recreation users noted only in select campgrounds - Example of Overuse is the Cle Elum District
- 5 - Where are the tourist numbers coming from on the Colville National Forest ? Are they all centered around recreational density, or does this include people actually dispersed all over the forest lands ?
- 6 - Number of Wildlife (game or predators) that the Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife are charged with management of, even though the wildlife are located in the U.S.F.S. managed forests and streams, and the forage being used and/or damaged. Example: The Elk on Mt. St. Helens

*** Grazing Standards and Guidelines:

- 1 - They are Difficult to find in the Plan.
- 2 - 6" to 8" of stubble height is Unattainable.
- 3 - Forage Monitoring: What time of year is forage monitored ?
 - What type of plant species - Forage use by what? Livestock, Campers, Tourists, Hunters, Disease, And When ?
 - Forage is affected by Rainfall - Drought or Flood
- 4 - Grazing should be treated with more importance. This should be in ALL management areas, and alternatives to the Forest Plan.
- 5 - Forage is a Renewable Resource every year and is part of the management and economy of the U.S.F.S., Livestock Permittees, and local communities.
- 6 - In the alternatives, the plan has quoted "there will be some level of forage for livestock".

*** Definitions that Need to be in the Plan -

- 1 - What is a "Healthy Forest" (different people have different ideas and objectives) ?

2 - What is "Good Fish Habitat" and "Good Timber"

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*** Trends - Trends should be explained & used - Riparian Zones, Streams, Forests, Etc.

*** Wilderness -

1 - 18% is Too High, when only 2-3% of people are physically able or capable of use, or will see or use any wilderness area.

2 - In a wilderness area, "a Trail is a Trail", whether it be there due to livestock, horse packers, wildlife, or people.

*** - Global Warming - There is much mention of this subject, which is hypothetical and political.

Respectfully Submitted

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