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Comments: \*Water Resources: The Assessment Reports indicate that management of water resources should emphasize resource protection as required by FLPMA and other federal laws. The Forest Plan should also emphasize the recognition of existing privately owned water rights and related infrastructure (headgates, ditch easements etc.) which originate or pass through USFS lands in accordance with FLPMA. The owners of such private water rights are in the best position to manage their rights and it is in their best interests to ensure that infrastructure remains in good repair. Moreover, allowing the owners to manage privately owned rights frees-up USFS resources to manage other USFS lands. The recognition of privately owned water rights should apply to both USFS lands and designated lands alike.

oThis comment applies to at least the following Assessment Reports: Watersheds, Water, and Soil Resources Assessment; Infrastructure Assessment; Designated Areas Assessment.

\*Grazing: The USFS should emphasize making additional USFS lands available for grazing leases and for longer periods of time while continuing management goals aimed at preventing degradation of soil, water and vegetation.

oThis comment applies to at least the following Assessment Report: Rangeland Management Assessment.

\*Oil and Gas Development: The USFS should identify non-mineral resource conditions that warrant future lease stipulations/license conditions. No Surface Occupancy leasing stipulations should be applied to protect lands with high value non-mineral resources, such as areas with high value scenic resources (including areas within the view corridors of such areas), water resources, endangered and protected wildlife resources, historical resources and specially designated areas.

oThis comment applies to at least the following draft Assessment Report: Renewable and Nonrenewable Energy Resources, Mineral Resources, and Geologic Hazards Assessment.

\*Invasive species: The Forest Plan should emphasize the management and control of invasive species on public lands and improve cost-sharing with private landowners to manage invasive species on private lands adjacent to USFS lands.