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Comments: Greetings,

my input for the future management approach to the foothills landscape project, in no particular order of priority.

1. The logging method with just a few seed trees is useless. Just behind our property that approach - 20 years ago - resulted in a stalky monoculture jungle of competing poplar trees. No variety.

2. Severe logging on any landscape, steep or flat, within a drainage basin, results in wash-down and serious silting. We see it on our creek that drains the zone of 1. above. Whenever significant rain happens more silt is deposited - silting is forever. There is not enough natural riparian vegetation fixing the soil adjacent to a flowing water.

3. I question the high percentage of logging acreage. That's denuding to a status of deforestation.

4. I am in the middle of reading 'The nature fix'. I'd say it should be mandatory study by all those who are intimately involved in the foothills planning. There are vital lessons to be gleaned about the mental and physical health restoring effects of forest and natural environment.

I would say we all know how properly address points 1 through 3. I would emphasize in the plans the true preservation of valuable wilderness area. Further, prioritize walking trails with resting and contemplation places. And we need to preserve wild zones close to populated areas for greatest benefit to the folks.

And remember, they don't make wilderness any more!

Thanks for listening,