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Ms. Eberlien:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment for the Finney Adaptive Management Area.

First let me say that I like the study plan that has been produced by your staff, and the opportunity to test theories that many foresters and scientists have speculated on for years.

The sale seems to be well laid out with one exception. I believe it should be larger in size, big enough to generate enough revenue to pay for itself. The non-cut Riparian reserves are about 28% of the total study area.

A sale area of 15% of the project area is not very large and limits your opportunity for revenue production. I sometimes get the feeling that FS staff is almost afraid to make money.

Given the time and effort that goes into a sale, one this small almost makes it doomed before it sells, and to think that it is expected to be three years worth of cut on the forest is totally unacceptable.

I would like to suggest that you consider allowing the volume in the adaptive management area to be sold over and above the allowable cut for the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie Forest. There is no reason you can not maintain your cut and offer the AMA units also. This might even get your volume for the decade back to where it is suppose to be.

Thank You for the comment opportunity,

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