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Comments: I would like to thank the KNF staff for the thought and analysis that went into preparation of this NEPA document. Many excellent forest health and restoration and enhancement actions are proposed, however I would like to suggest widening the scope of the proposed actions. Preparing a NEPA analysis is time intensive and costly, and is not likely to be repeated in the future, so including a full range of restoration actions now only makes sense. I would like to suggest adding more intensive in-stream restoration actions, such as floodplain contouring to give access to floodplain habitat, which is critical for salmonids, particularly coho. For the same reasons I would like to see connecting to, and even creating off-channel and side channel habitat, as well as installation of Beaver Dam Analogues as designated riparian/stream restoration techniques to supplement the proposed accelerated wood recruitment (chop and drop). Similarly Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs) should be included as tool for correction of incision and rewetting wet meadows. BDAs can be implemented with a small footprint, making them particularly useful in fragile wet meadows.

I would also like to request that lower Grouse Creek be included in the restoration plan. It has documented coho rearing, making it a high value restoration site.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Betsy Stapleton