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Comments: RE: Wynoochee Restoration and Road Management Project #53124

RE: Roads/Trails/Access: I will defer to the recommendations of Olympic Public Access Coalition on roads, trails, and access to trailheads. I support their recommendations, as they know the area and I do not.

RE: Commercial/Pre-Commercial thinning: I fully support commercial and pre-commercial thinning operations in overcrowded, diseased, and stressed second-growth stands long overdue for treatment.

If I were the guy with the can of spray paint, I'd leave it with maybe 20% - 30% canopy retention, and that's being generous. I'd rather see it down to about 15% - 20% - take 'em out and leave the larger specimens to mature.

RE: Riparian zones: I FULLY SUPPORT commercial and pre-commercial thinning operations IN riparian zones IF those stands are overstocked second-growth former matrix units. Knock 'em down and drag 'em out into the ditch. Better yet, knock 'em over and toss 'em into the ditch with the rootwads intact - they seem to work way mo' betta that way.

Of course, ANY activity within a hundred yards or so of any Class I streams needs to be done during low-water periods - late summer or early fall.

RE: In-stream work: I FULLY SUPPORT any and all in-stream work done with the intention of rehabilitating riparian zones, particularly those involving man-made log structures and/or placement of LWD. Again, any activity needs to be confined to low-water periods: late summer/early fall.

Make sure ALL equipment is washed first to prevent introduction of non-indigenous invasive species. Make sure ALL equipment has been serviced and checked to insure there are no leaks or spills of fuels, oils, solvents, ethylene glycol coolants, hydraulic fluids, or any other petroleum-based products.

Make sure ALL people working on the ground are aware of the importance of NOT introducing non-indigenous invasive species into the project area. (i.e., tell 'em to hose off their boots, clean the seeds out of Velcro closures, etc.)

My cursory look at your project area maps tells me you're not removing enough wood, but it looks like a decent start. Glad to see there's no helicopter nonsense involved in getting the wood OUT.

I have NO vested interest, nor do I know anybody who has any vested interest in timber harvesting or the wood industry.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

