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Comments: To whom it may concern. I've sat down in one of these meetings and read through the documents of the projects that are proposed on these riparian areas. I would first off like to say that I'm not against riparian restoration except for the restoration process that excludes cattle grazing. On the two allotments that I sit on we have proved that with proper management we can coexist with all creatures and protect are riparian habitat.. I feel that fencing out any riparian areas is a knee-jerk reaction and it doesn't protect anything. It does not bring our forest back to its natural look.. the key to success is to work alongside some of these groups such as trout Unlimited. working alongside these guys and finding new ways to develop water on the Uplands is a key to protecting the riparian areas and we have proved that. we need faster response time on the USFS side of things to complete projects that are promised. I feel that we have done our part and we're asking for a few things from the u. S. Forest service so that we may move forward. When looking at some of these restoration projects I see the need for equipment. My worry is that the damage to the native grasslands will invite invasive weeds to start growing. I understand that the site will be replanted but I worry with the low funding and staff on the herbicide part of the USFS will allow these weeds to dominate.. these are my main concerns thank you