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Comments: Ranger Sullens,

This email on behalf of the Project to Reform Public Land Grazing is to protest your decision (January 7, 2020 letter to "reviewers" at this link) to combine the scoping and EA comment period for the proposed Oak Knoll Range Project into "a single 30-day period."

The Oak Knoll Grazing Project seeks to reauthorize grazing that has been documented to degrade Critical Habitat for ESA listed Coho Salmon and to trample banks delivering sediment to the sediment impaired Klamath River which i believe is in violation of the Clean Water Act. The cattle trespass issue this EA claims to solve has existed for several decades without effective action. The Siskiyou Crest has other major issues related to livestock grazing that the Grazing Reform Project has documented since the last EA and Decision. These include the long-term failure to recover native bunchgrasses which concentrates grazing in riparian areas. For these and other reasons I believe a 30 days scoping period is arbitrary and unreasonable. Please reconsider.

Also, I do not believe the Project to Reform Public Land Grazing received notice in the form of your January 7, 2020 letter even though you and all KNF leaders are well aware of the Projects interest in grazing in this area, including the trespass issue. I would like to know why I, as the well known Project Coordinator, was not informed of the EA issuance and combined EA and scoping comment periods. Since you signed that letter I am asking you to look into why that occurred. What do I need to do to be notified directly of grazing planning and decisions for which you are the responsible federal official?

Finally, please grant me the favor of a timely and substantive reply to this email, including to all those copied, all of whom have an interest or represent a public interest which is impacted by your decision. You did not respond to my prior email to you on these issues dated January 13th which asked questions and provided a few comments on the what is at issue in your proposed authorization of grazing. That was a disappointment, as was your failure to respond to prior requests to meet and to view these grazing problems together in the field. The Project seeks dialogue and collaboration with you in the interest of public land and water health.

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