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Attention District Ranger: Michele Jones and associates

Comments on Project:

Our names are Jesse & Elaine Pattison; we are long term residents of upper Deadwood, owning several of the original properties which were homesteaded in the 1920's and the 1930's. Overall, we have few comments regarding the Deadwood Restoration Project. One area of concern has to do the road situations which will result from the thinning volumes. If my calculations are correct, 106 MMBF translates to over 26,000 log truck loads of timber. That is in excess of 52,000 trips up and down the Deadwood roads. How much of that will go out the "back way", (Preacher Creek), we do not know. However it comes out, the volume of trucks is impressive and impactive.

Has there been some analysis of what kinds of impacts this will cause across the board; including carbon "footprint", number of deaths per million log truck miles driven, down to the wear and tear on our roads, etc? I would hope that you would agree to fund, or possibly to partner with the County, to have the road(s) paved initially, and then probably a reconstruction/resurfacing after major logging activities are completed. To leave it unpaved, with this volume of truck traffic, would create a very undesirable and unsafe driving situation. Estimates put one pass by a log truck as equivalent to a minimum of 20 car passes, although this is considered a low estimate by others.

Thank you for your care to our Forest, and all its inhabitants!---Jesse & Elaine Pattison