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Comments: RE: Proposed HTNF Forest-wide CX for massive prescribed burning

WildLands Defense requests that the HTNF conduct an EIS for this project which will massively destroy and degrade and fragment habitats of sensitive species, MIS species, ESA-listed species, migratory birds and many other values of HTNF lands.

This project would violate NFMA and the Forest plan.

It would lead to devastating losses for Northern Goshawk, Greater Sage-grouse, Flammulated Owl, Pygmy Rabbit and numerous migratory songbirds and other wildlife species that are suffering serious declines across their range because of loss of forest and sagebrush habitat.

The FS and BLM in NV and across the region appear hellbent on WIPING OUT sensitive species, and converting the Forest to grass and dirt for the livestock industry.

At the same time, the HTNF has failed to conduct modern day NEPA analysis on livestock grazing allotments across many areas of the Forest, and in areas that have had analysis, it is woefully put-dated and deficient. Allotments are greatly overstocked, cattle and sheep are killing water flows at streams.spring/seeps, standards are not being met, and many areas are in poor ecological condition. Climate change stress effects are exacerbated and amplified by grazing disturbance. radically burning and otherwise treating FS lands that are also grazed will have severe adverse ecological outcomes. Grazing will prevent and preclude recovery and the proposed actions will cause an explosion of cheatgrass and other weeds. In short, this proposal is utter folly and can only viewed as a political favor to the public lands livestock industry.

Continuing livestock coupled with this radical treatment disturbance will greatly expanding flammable cheatgrass and other invasive species and causing a loss of resilience and resistance.

We will be submitting additional comments.

We urge you to ABANDON THIS PROJECT, and comply with NEPA and NFMA.

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