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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. On a whole I support the project but have the following comments to the EA in it's current state.

I would like to focus initially on questions/comments provided in scoping that were not adequately addressed in the Draft EA nor answered in the issues identified but removed from further analysis.

"What timeline can we expect for impacts to forest user groups and where?

The EA identifies the areas but gives no description of how the logging treatments will move across those defined compartments, how long those impacts will be felt by the public, or for what duration.

The proposed action thinning methods state (p-14, p1) "with any un-even age prescription there is no terminus to the management of the stands, meaning that process continues indefinitely with reentry every 20 to 25 years".

How long is this EA and decision valid for? Much of the analysis provided (transportation p-58, recreation p-47) use the 10 year benchmark, but the proposed action neglects to clearly define the time period. It completely neglects to answer the part of the comment asking for explanation of how these treatments will move across the project area outside of saying it will be "one compartment at a time."

What are the economic impacts of large-scale logging to the recreational interests of the area? In turn, how does this impact the local economy?

The analysis acknowledges that there will be significant impacts to recreational users but does not answer the above question about the connected economic impacts this disruption will create.

I would also ask the following question be answered before a decision is reached:

What time of day will haul trucks be allowed to operate?

I would suggest adding a design feature that addresses the concern of local residents, such as myself, that trucks will be coming down the hill into town all hours of the night. It is a reasonable concern since log trucks frequently haul off the units in the early hours of the morning. I do like seeing wood products headed down the highway but would be angry to have that occurring at 3 am for example, every day for an unknown period (maybe 10 years?). It is understood that the roads outside of the project area are not USFS controlled but the time at which the material leaves the site is within USFS control and the impacts of haul trucks waking up my small child would be connected.

I would also ask if the analysis of the recreation impacts to users was adequate? Were user groups and day to day users surveyed to determine that this is not "significant"? Was there any quantifiable research done to determine the impacts to the human environment? The use of Boggy Draw has increased dramatically in the last few years, will the design features adequately address the magnitude of effects to these new users and traveling visitors who are less aware of the project proposal than residents. What monitoring system has and will help advise that adaptive management?

Thanks,

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