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Comments: Dear USFS ,

For the record, I Object to this project. Though it seems that public objection is not a concern for you. It is just a process you are required to do. The public has made it loud and clear that we oppose this project. Putting in ELJ's in our watersheds is not the solution to decreased fish populations. I have been a River Guide for over 20 years and have seen these being implemented all over Washington state and beyond, and can see more damage being done than providing benefits to fish. These "remedies" are not working, and using outdated information does not instill confidence in your decision making. These are a waste of taxpayers money and will create more sediment, flooding problems during high water events, and are not esthetically pleasing to the natural environment. You must realize the dams, commercial fishing, poaching, and water pollution are the main issues for decreased fish populations. These LWD ELJ's are just a way for Fish Biologists to make jobs for themselves at the taxpayers expense. No recent science has been presented in the EA. The most recent thing I have found in it is from 2007. What kind of studies have been done on all of these projects as of recent? Please provide them if they exist. I have many Fish Biologist friends that have reported to me that these projects are a waste of money and actually produce more sediment and demise to our Rivers and tributaries AKA fish habitat.

I do agree that culverts need to be upgraded to accommodate for fish passage and I do support that aspect of the project.

I am sure this is falling on deaf ears, but I must voice my concern and objection to LWD ELJ's being put into the very small tributaries to the Methow River Watershed.

I have always had to do 2-3 portages on the Twisp River because of natural LWD, and know first hand that there is NO NEED for any artificial ELJ's needed on The Twisp River or any other River for that matter. Lack of wood is not the problem. Please reconsider your plans to help our fish populations, and fix the root causes for their demise.( dams, commercial fishing, poaching, and water pollution)

Thank you for the opportunity to object, I hope you hear us, and listen.

If you would like to hear what I have witnessed due to these LWD ELJ's on our Rivers I would be happy to share.

Cordially,

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