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Comments: WHAT I SUPPORT;

I support the necessary and reasonable management of our forest resources including logging and precise herbicide application as required to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

I also support the use of local resources and manpower to perform the necessary tasks required to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

WHAT I AM AGAINST;

"Clear Cutting" of over 5000 acres using the three specified methods, especially the true clear cutting of over 1000 acres.

The two aged shelter-wood method proposed on over 1800 acres leaving only 10-20 trees over 14 inch diameter.

The deferment harvest method proposed on over 2400 acres leaving only 20-40 trees over 14 inch diameter.

Any use of herbicides not targeting only stumps and any invasive species found in this ecosystem.

The removal of the almost three hundred acres of trees aged over 131 years.

COMMENTS:

I am not against logging and the use of herbicides. I believe both of these methods can be and need to be used by the US Forest Service to maintain and promote a healthy ecosystem of our nation's shared spaces.

I believe that the US Forest Service does a fine job living up to the mission that they have been given in sustaining the diversity, health and productivity of our forests and grasslands for current and future generations.

I am against the Clear Cutting of moderate size stands of Old Growth forest. I believe that stands of 100-300 acres are necessary not only for the recreational but also educational uses that they can provide.

I am against the Clear Cutting of any acreage that occupies any steep topography. With the increase of 500, 1000 and 5000 year rain events occurring, the after effects of these on land that has been Clear Cut is significant and detrimental both to the forest and the surrounding community.

I am against the low number of 14 inch trees being proposed to leave in place for both the Shelter-wood and Deferment Harvest acreage. I believe these numbers should be increased by 100% for the minimum and 50% for the maximum number of trees being retained. This again is due to the topography of the acres being considered and the possibility of erosion and destruction of native plants and animal habitats.

I am also against the use of herbicides if not used for specific and precise application. It should only be used on stumps where needed and all invasive species. This is to minimize the effect on wanted species of plants and all local animals. Indiscriminate use of herbicides will remove favorable plants and possibly injure or kill wanted insects and animals.

Finally I am against using outside services and/or corporations to perform the proposed work, or whatever plan is finalized. Local resources/manpower should be used wherever possible to not only bolster the economy in the area but also because of the vested interest the local resources would have in the project.

Thank you for letting us have an opportunity to share our concerns and weighing these in your final decisions.

Sincerely,

Bill Martin