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Comments: District Ranger Bittle and Staff,

Here are comments on the Corn Creek Project.

Lane Spring Recreation Area:

Compartment 218, Stands 5+6 are proposed for Hardwood Thin.

These lay across from each other along the paved access road to a major recreation area on the District.

If these are too heavily cut the user experience will be degraded.

Suggest only cutting obvious hazard trees along the road, while maintaining heavy retention of long-lived white oak and post oak in a light thinning in the areas nearest the road.

Dropping slash to the ground in the road-side visible portions of these stands (which is a fair amount of the stands) will help.

Milldam Hollow Access to the Little Piney River:

Comp 297

Stand 13 is proposed for a pine seed tree cut.

Stand 23 proposed for clearcut.

Both these stands slope down to, and border, the access road.

There is a rocky ledge running along the break of the slope in this area.

An obvious way to mitigate the aesthetic impact of these proposed heavy cuts along the river access road is to pull the stand boundaries up the slope, above the ledge.

Comp 209

In the numerous proposed shelterwood (48,58,61) and thinning cuts (62, 70, 63, 60) along the river access road in C/209 care should taken to maintain heavy retention of long-lived species in the areas along the roads, with a low-to-the-ground slash disposal approach.

Comp 229, Stands 63+64

Proposed Shelterwood cuts along Highway 63.

Heavy retention of long lived species along Highway 63 will help mitigate impact here.

There is a phoneline running along, and not far off, the Highway that could be used to buffer the road.

Comp 313, Stand 10

Proposed clearcut borders a though-gravel road. Heavy retention of long lived species in the area along the road will help mitigate the aesthetic impact of this heavy cut.

Comp 219, Stand 6

Proposed clearcut borders a though-gravel road. Heavy retention of long lived species in the area along the road will help mitigate the aesthetic impact of this heavy cut.

It should be noted, for the record, that due to Zachary being out of the office for two weeks I didn't get the compartment maps and stand data until well after the comment period started.

Once he was back he sent the information promptly.

I'll call Zachary on Tuesday afternoon (and other days this week if you're out) to discuss these comments, and to set up a date for a field visit if needed.

Sincerely,

Hank Dorst,

Mark Twain Forest Watchers