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Chuck,

Thanks for the update - Look forward to working with Matt! The Kentucky Falls area is a special area!

On Wed, Oct 5, 2022 at 2:58 PM FS-comments-pacificnorthwest-siuslaw-centralcoast <comments-pacificnorthwest-siuslaw-centralcoast@usda.gov <mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-siuslaw-centralcoast@usda.gov> > wrote:

Mr. Buehrig, I hope this message reaches you well.

Thank you for your continued interest in the recreation resources within the NF Smith Restoration Project area.

Please note that the omission of a recreation-related (or other resource or discipline) presentation does not preclude our consideration of that resource or discipline. We are in Phase 2 that is in effect an introduction to, and public engagement over, the project. Phase 2 is to interact with, and collect information from, interested parties for the team to consider. We appreciate your input that you have provided regarding your concerns with recreation. Your concerns and comments will be shared with the interdisciplinary team and considered.

We have a new recreation staff officer out of Waldport, OR named Matt Ramich who has been recently assigned to the project. He will be gathering the existing information about the area and putting together a slide show similar to the ones that we have already posted. We recognize that there are a lot of recreation resources in the project area that need to be addressed, such as the Kentucky Falls Special Interest Area (SIA), several hiking trails, and streams with the potential to be listed as Wild and Scenic.

I would like to thank you again for your interest in the NF Smith Restoration Project, the Central Coast Ranger District - Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and the Siuslaw National Forest.

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Chuck,

How can I encourage recreation resources to be considered, inventoried or discussed by the team specialist in phase I of the IRP?

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Mr. Buehrig,

Thank you for your interest in the NF Smith River Restoration Project.

The NF Smith Restoration Project is in the process of transitioning from the Landscape Inventory and Assessment phase of the project (Phase 1) to a Public Engagement phase (Phase 2). Phase 2 includes sharing the current conditions and desired future conditions based on guiding documentation. We have not proposed specific actions at this point, including actions within the Kentucky Falls Special Interest Area (SIA). It is during Phase 2 that we will be developing the project including discussing potential proposed actions/activities with interested parties.

Effects of proposed actions would be analyzed during the formal NEPA process and have not been included in the Public Engagement information.

In the meantime, the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) will be reviewing and considering your input for the project. For future reference, input that includes a cause and effect relationships are helpful and can be consider more effectively by the IDT.

Again, thank you. And, please let me know if you have any questions.

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issues and impacts to public use of the area and potential restoration of these resources are not identified - effects of other road, fisheries, wildlife on public use is not identified

cooperation with BLM, Sheriff's office, Search and rescue, state fire and other user groups is not identified

the following is a partial list that needs to be addressed:

Maps did not show specific road numbers and improvements - maps need to provide a clear picture so the public can understand the area being considered

Kentucky Falls trail is of national interest based on use and interest - the maps do not identify the trail so that the public would not realize the trail is in the area of restoration. One of the most visited areas on the Siuslaw NF. Impacts and issues not identified

Wild and Scenic River - N Fk Smith potential listing - the maps and information do not present the full impacts (one reason for nomination is recreation)- issue not identified

N.fk trail-- trails are not recognized - restoration, maint, improvements not mentioned - public not informed - issues not identified

Kentucky Falls Special Interest Area - one of few on the SNF- issues not identified

Dispersed Recreation along 23 road and all other areas - issues not identified

Public/Recreation road use and travel to the areas - issue not identified

Public use of road - road maint scheduling, enforcement - paving, gravel, brushing, - issues not identified

Public/Recreation use of other FS roads for hiking, hunting and fishing- will abandon roads be used for other purposes - ORV use, side by side street legal vehicles are becoming more popular - other motorized use, electric bikes, -- issues not identified

Public/fishing - effects on fishing and use of the river for boating, kayak, canoe - issues not identified

Road connection, poor maint and recreation travel thru BLM from Eugene via Roman Nose- issue not identified

Scenic values along road, trails, waterfalls, cascades - unique sandstone , geology, old growth trees - issues not identified

Public travel interpretive signing and directional signing, safety search rescue, fire access- issues not identified

Cultural interest (tribal) in the Kentucky Falls area - issues not identified

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