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Comments: It seems that very little has changed in the proposed actions despite numerous comments from not just ordinary citizens but also organizations with specific knowledge about the effects of the proposed actions. So, you wonder if the public comment periods are just window dressing to check the box of federal law requirements and that your proposed actions were pretty much cast in concrete before being initially published.

Like many others, I remain opposed to the large clearcutting, especially along the many well-used trails in this area. Your view analysis showed moderate to low impact of the viewshed, but all those points used in the analysis were from relatively far away. If you had selected a point at the intersection of Horseshoe Gulch, Blair Witch, and Soda Mine trails, for example, the impact on the scenic view would be devastating. Yes, trees will eventually grow back, but it'll probably be 30 years or more before you could stand under one for decent shade, something many of us who live here now will never experience. And the impact on winter cross country skiing will be devastating given the trails exposure to both sun and wind. And many of the clearcuts directly affect the CDT such as 210, 211, and 212 and are contrary to everything I've read about maintaining the view from the CDT (but nothing new, I suppose, given all the clearcuts along the CDT on Gold Hill Trail and in the Miner's Creek area).

Clearcutting on north facing slopes where you have the best chance of species diversity makes no sense to me (parts of sections 206 and 207, for example). Having walked those sections, diversity is happening slowly with more spruce and fir coming in among the lodgepole, but all will be gone according to your plan,

I also find it interesting the proposed clearcuts in elk calving areas. I'm no expert, but it seems elk that are calving look for cover, and it'll be probably be 4 or more elk generations before those clearcut areas are suitable to them for that purpose again. And in that regard, seasonal closures of the rerouted Red Trail or Campion Trail make no sense if those areas are clearcut until the areas once again supports elk calving.