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Comments: "Haste makes waste" is an adage all should bear in mind. Forest stewards are far better guided by bearing in mind the "impact of current actions on our seventh generations." Not coincidentally, this seems to be the time frame a mature Cascade/Eastside Ponderosa forest requires to develop.

I must express disappointment and concern about the 5/10 announcement of 5/18 public information meeting held in Twisp, as announced in MRP_PublicScopingLetterUSFS_20230510.pdf and reported in May 18th Methow Valley News. Such a short announcement-to-meeting timeline dismissed the notion of any meaningful public participation or comment. Unable to attend on short notice, I notified my Congressional representative's office in hopes that their staff might express my concern. This short-notice impact is born out in what I can see (as of 6PM 6/5/22 as only 11 letters on the project

<https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//ReadingRoom?Project=63933>. The extensive comments from the Oregon-based American Forest Resource Council and WA DNR show clearly that some interested parties have had far greater access and weight in MRP.

I want add my Methow Valley perspective to supporting many comments provided by the Kettle Range Conservation Group, based on their 20 years of forest collaboration with Colville and Okanogan National Forests. Chief among them:

- *No harvest of trees over 20" DBH

- *Prioritize winter thinning and controlled burning.

- *No new roads and yes, decommission obsolete byways.

- *Restore ecological diversity and habitat needs of seclusion-dependent wildlife.

- *Focus on restoring forest mosaic structure

The USFS must not allow priorities of commercial harvest economics and techniques to be slipped in under the banner of fire hazard mitigation. Best to bear in mind the tenets of Ecological Forest Management (EFM) as put forth by Jerry Franklin et al (2018):

- *restore and sustain the integrity of forest ecosystems including top predators,

- *develop policies and management practices that sustain a large array of ecosystem services,

- *be adaptive to new science and changes in societal priorities, concerns and goals, and

- *choose management approaches that reduce risks and increase future options.

Respectfully submitted