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Comments: My comments are relative to the NW Forest Plan amendments and how these amendments will influence management on the OWNF and other E WA & DR Nat'l forests.

It is recognized that Restoration work will generate tons of Biomass as result of non-commercial and commercial thinning to create and maintain a healthy, fire resilient forest ecosystems and initiate a trajectory path to not only a HRV but a Future RV with warmer and drier summers. This is not a one time fix - and will require periodic mechanical entries followed with Rx fire -- possibly 10-15 year intervals depending on plant association and other site variables.

It is unrealistic to think that all this excess biomass should be chipped, masticated or pile burned. I strongly recommend the Plan Amendments include provisions and advocacy for Wood to Energy alternatives as well as portable equipment and techniques to create marketable Biochar on the landings for use as a soil amendment on Ag land in E. WA & DR.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement - Thank - you