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Comments: Page 8 under livestock Historically, livestock grazing was around the Taft area for the war effort and the railroad had corrals located there.

Page 8 The mention of corridors for animal movement. The maps of wildlife corridors from the Mineral County Resource group must be included in your appendix since these were created from road kill data, landowner input, FWP biologist input and public input to ground truth this data. The Nine Mile Wildlife working group would also have data that should be incorporated

Page 19 example under goals you state, "LNF collaborates with Tribes, Federal and State agencies and other partners" This phrase is repeated throughout this document. When ever this phrase appears, it should also include "counties" and especially counties with "Cooperative Agency Status"

Page 24 under desired conditions add (05) "Control of invasive species on grassland when applicable"

Page 27 Goals (03) after removal, add moving "NFS lands through removal, moving, or where still....."

Page 29 Wildland Urban Interface Midway through paragraph 2 add "Working across land ownership boundaries with States, Tribes and other partners" add on counties, Community Wildfire Plans, and local LEPC's

Page 40 CWN under objectives after road rerouting in parentheses, add "reconstruct"

Page 42 Guidelines (09) rewrite the part "new motorized or non motorized routes or mechanized or non mechanized recreation areas or trails"

Page 46 Guidelines (03) insert "non" before motorized and mechanized

Page 48 Desired condition (01) replace wilderness with "Wilderness like, backcountry, or primitive" since it is not just the wilderness that provides the outdoor adventure

Page 50 Climate change goals (01) add Hydrogen

Page 52 Air quality goals add (02) "Reduce the risk of wild fire."

Page 58 Goals add (06) "Work with counties, DNRC, FWP, other agencies, and adjacent people to coordinate Recreation activities and opportunities"

Page 59 suitability (04) in front of livestock grazing insert "LongTerm."

Page 66 Suitability (01) Recreation residents tactics are not generally suitable for livestock allotments"

Page 79 Suitability As the climate gets drier, some river view sheds may need to be logged and become suitable to reduce the spread of disease in the trees

Page 92 When land is acquired from private sources, the forest service should continue to pay the counties the same yearly tax rate rather than taking that land off the tax rolls, putting on a huge burden to the appropriate

county, especially like Mineral and Sanders counties that already have such a small tax base.

Page 98 Infrastructure objective (05) clean up and maintain more than 50 miles of trails  
Guidelines (06) " Use more temporary roads for different uses"

Page 101 Energy Objectives (02) "allow mines for minerals needed for national defense and to help for climate change effects by providing scarce metals important for electric vehicle and electric transmission line components"

Page 102 Goals (03) "Encourage new grazing allotments where and when applicable and continue use of existing allotments for social and economic sustainability. encourage and advertise vacant allotments."

Page 107 Standards (07) the upper limit of production needs to be more flexible than a set number. With climate change, drought may cause unhealthy stands that may need to be removed at a much higher rate than what is in this proposal to maintain a healthy forest.

Page 136 Table 49 the inventoried roadless figure is too high. The definition used in the roadless rule did not take into account roads that actually exist on the landscape, many of which have now grown over but none the less are there. I realize the roadless rule must be followed but I think you should at least put an asterisk by the number. I did experience first hand seeing the inventory drawing inaccuracy at the time they were done.

Page 137 Snowmobile use should be allowed in recommended wilderness for at least during the months of January and February

Page 141 Goals USFS should work more closely in the Fish Creek State Park and that area to help build and provide cross jurisdictional ATV and multi user loop trails as well. Coordinate with DNRC and FWP for other recreation activities as well.

4.3 Ward Eagle area should not be on proposed wilderness due to the potential for over use of that small area. That area should stay in back country of primitive designation due to its unique experience it can offer the user. The protection of this area extends down the valley toward Haugen further than it should for consistency of the primitive area.

3.8 & 4.5 The Saltese trestle needs to be brought to standard for multi use travel to make the connection of a multiple use trail from Taft to St. Regis. This is a high priority for a great recreational and scenic experience.

Page 156 suitability (10) At the end of this sentence, add "unless needed for national security or metals needed due to climate change conditions requiring special needed metals" Suitability (02) add "Snowmobiles allowed in months of January and February.

There is WUI along Southside Road between Dry Creek and St. Regis that is in inventoried roadless but it butts up to private land with a high risk of fire spreading to the private land. Throughout Mineral County there are many areas similar to this and the USFS needs to be much more aggressive in the management of this WUI in Mineral County for the protection of its citizens. This must be addressed in this plan for Mineral County, Sanders County and now we are seeing it more in all counties with the influx of people moving into the back country everywhere.