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Comments: Its already challenging enough to do business with the USFS, by adding more complicated layers of bureaucracy to an already dysfunctional Nationally mandated plan to manage the Forests seems counterproductive. Putting the power back into the hands of your local and regional Foresters seems like the best policy. What works for one forest might not work for another. I know that common sense is not the USFS's strong point but clearly your boots on the ground have a better grasp on what each forest needs than some policy based on the entire National Forest System.

Our forest is littered with debris that could lead to catastrophic fires and there has been no action on treatments for years. Going to a regional treatment plan instead of individual plans for each district is misguided. Our little section of the Fremont-Winema is screaming for help and all we get is that the programmatic regional or forest wide approach is what is happening. Or in our case nothing is happening to address a high build up of fuels in our recreation area. Fortunately we have some resources to clean up woody debris in the recreation area but the forest surrounding us has 20 years or more of deferred management due to a host of reasons. The USFS used to actively manage and respond to issues in individual districts wither serious issues. Now we just hear that this new Forest Wide approach is a solution. Give your Rangers the authority they deserve and let them manage the Forests like they know that should.