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This objection to the Final Environmental Assessment repeats and focuses into one specific area, the Genesee Valley watershed, the comments I previously submitted since I find no evidence that those comments were considered, and management plans modified for the North Fork Recovery Project general planning area. It is my hope that with this specific focus adaptations will be made, at least here, to avoid on-going mistakes and favor forest health, resilience and careful stewardship. The Genesee Valley Watershed is where my family and I live, work and on which our health and livelihood depend. If planners might take offense that this Objection (following my previous un-considered comments) a "NIMBY" (Not In My Back Yard" objection), it has been reduced to this focus only because Genesee Valley is the area I'm most familiar with and where on-going stewardship, fire recovery, and private, non-profit and USFS partnership efforts have already demonstrated successes and provide a model and hope for more. Please reference, however, and add my previous comments to this Objection that focuses on the Genesee Valley Watershed where all management should be: site-specific; stand-specific; condition specific; prohibit herbicides and pesticides; done by human labor, track-chipper and/or large herds of goats; and informed by past mistakes and current information:

1) site-specific: Rather than propose a blanket reduction 40 and 60 percent of canopy cover in PACs where the largest remaining live trees are less than 30" bdh, a prescription to cut trees under the 30" bdh is counter productive. Smaller trees in burned over areas should be cut according to site conditions; i.e, where bugs are active, less green trees should be removed since they will continue to die, and when they are removed, they should be cut between the months of October and January when they can also be safely burned to do away with bugs in the slash. ALL large trees should be retained.

2) stand-specific: In ALL stands, the removal of any remaining large trees should be precluded. All large trees should be retained. Large trees should be identified, and dead trees eliminated around them to protect these remnant trees. Hand burning, when appropriate, could be done around those large trees to limit fuels.

3) condition-specific (know who's doing what and where: In Genesee Valley local stewards have made accomplishments in forest health that should be acknowledged and, instead of being threatened by other treatments, maintained. Significant forest recovery has been accomplished by hand-thinning on more than 150 acres of private and public lands. In order NOT to negatively impact accomplishments in Genesee Valley, management treatments should be done by hand-thinning, large herd goat-grazing, or with a track - chipper. Genesee beekeeping, organic farming and general health is threatened by use of herbicides and pesticides.

4) NOT use herbicides or pesticides: (see above for reason). Brush Busters is an outfit with more than 2000 goats and a record of success).

5) conducted by humans, goats and/ or with the track-chipper (see above for reason).

6) exhibit learning from the past and other areas: Management activities should re-imagine recreation as a re-creating of forest health through restoration and on-going stewardship. Planning for public lands should not be motivated by special interests and short-term gain for the timber industry, mining or tourism.

Although this objection is submitted by me, others in Genesee Valley have contributed to its thinking and preparation.

