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Comments: Hello ,

Please accept these comments, questions and observations for this illegal scofflaw timber sale titled Granite Moccasin.

My first question is: What is your definition of wildlands urban interface?

What is your definition of "urban"?

Is an outhouse on private property surrounded by forest service lands make that parcel Urban if the out house was built 100 years ago?

Is New York City considered urban with your definition??

Is there anywhere on the FNF not considered urban?

The FNF is a scofflaw agency. Courts have ruled on this for years. Instead of ever doing projects that follow environmental laws, the FNF wastes tax payers money supporting egregious timber sales that are struck down in the courts. The forest supervisor should be held criminally accountable for wasting tax payer funds and destroying habitat. If this sale is struck down by the courts you should be fired for doing a frivolous timber sale on public lands that you should be managing for the citizens of the US. It is their legacy and to see how the FNF sacrifices clean water, fisheries, spreading weeds, putting in roads that are unsustainable, turning old growth forests into industrial tree farms, fragmenting habitat, putting many species on the verge of extinction all to do what? Support welfare logging?

This sale is in wild and scenic river corridors, proposed wilderness areas, roadless areas and is a critical area for fish and wildlife to traverse from the Great Bear wilderness into Glacier. These lands are imperative for the survival of many species. The lame purpose of this sale? Protect a hotel (one that would be hard to burn down if it not being around trees) and a historic cabin? This is a total joke. If you are so concerned about these "important landmarks", it would be much cheaper to talk with the hotel owners about fire mitigation on their private property. It is absurd to see that one of the reasons for the short sighted sale is to protect private property using public funds. Funding this project is a joke when congress is cutting healthcare for millions.

How much will this sale cost tax payers?

The federal government is hellbent on cutting costs and this timber sale is a great place to start.

These lands are so critical for griz, bull trout, cutthroat trout, lynx and so many other species. It is egregious to see that you directed staff to waste taxpayer money on this sale. You should be fired and not get any retirement.

The statement that people want to see clear cuts instead of a burnt forest is absurd. So much on educating the public on how forests evolved here. You use this absurd choice- fear=fire or industrial logging= degrades habitat,

diminished water quality, etc. you are stating that if you manage these lands that they will not burn? Science proves this false narrative wrong. It is a false choice you give.

Open canopies can burn much quicker than dense forests. And they do. The open canopy dries the forest out. And the weeds are more flammable. The degraded soils harm water quality and as you should know, many of the soils in this area are not stable. Please identify areas that already have washed out due to roads and logging in the past. You should be aware of them. If not, I can show you. You being responsible managers of our trust you must know this information.

The thought of you doing a large timber sale in this area is heartbreaking.

Why don't you be a pro forester and go do some projects that mitigate your past mistakes, instead of raping this very critical habitat.

How can you even consider roading and logging in roadless areas and proposed wilderness areas?

Will you only use hand saws and horses to move the trees you want to cut? No motors? No machinery?

Please put this project in the trash.

It is so disappointing to see that at the time you plan such egregious timber sales, you limit public comment. Your cavalier attitude is that you are a lame pro and that you know better and that the public should not be involved in management of their lands.

This is so disgusting. How can you sleep at night doing this to our public legacy. You should be fired.

Please resign now.

Thanks for your time,
Stephen braun