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Comments: To The Palouse Ranger District With Concerns on the Wepah Salvage Project:

Positive aspects of this project appear as improvements to stabilizing watershed grounds, and replacement of undersized culverts. What are the plans of vegetation replacements and erosion balance for the future?

The concept of commercial harvest removal as cover to the disguise of making money off of public lands is a concern. Is the health of the forest truly being addressed? Is a monoculture being created?

The snags and remains of vegetation are important for habitat, environment and the decay of debris that returns nutrients to the earth. Concerns of an unnatural reconstruction that would effect wildlife and native plants is one to be addressed. How will invasive species be controlled over the course of time?

Sediments moved and redistributed throughout the project are a concern, as well as dust mitigation and ambient air. How are these issues being addressed, and overseen for compliance?

The parking lot should not be a stark bare gravel spot devoid of natural aspects, creating a hotspot heat source. How is this being treated?

The lack of adequate time for comments is disrespectful to the public, and to the Forest Service staff. It inhibits the project to be done with better intention to the needs of the future outcome.

Why is this directed only to human impact?

I would appreciated a response to my questions.

With Regards,

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