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Comments: Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Flat Tail EA. I have several comments of clarification for your team to consider. But first I would like to say that I am in support of this project, and appreciate this project being kept at a subwatershed scale and not at multiple watershed scales.

Clarifying comment and question about the aquatic section. There is no mention on how far from the project area is to Federally listed as Threatened Bull Trout and their critical habitat. Are Bull Trout in the Project Area or not? Where is their upper limits to proposed activities and its potential effects? The same goes for Westslope Cutthroat Trout, how close is the proposed activities to Westslope Cutthroat Trout? How close is the proposed activities to impaired waters of White Pine and Beaver Creeks? Under the Irreversible and Irretrievable comment section there was no discussion on aquatic species (ya or na).

Under the hydro section it was confusing if there was or was not sediment reaching Larch and or Set Creeks. It sounded like there wasn't any discernable amounts of sediment but Table 15 it shows an extreme increase of fine sediment movement in the short-term (0 - 5 years) to reach stream channels, and once it reaches a stream channel it would have the potential to reach a fish bearing stream, such as White Pine Creek, where sensitive Westslope Cutthroat Trout reside, and supposedly Threatened Bull Trout may be present (as stated in the aquatic report). So you need to account the proximity of fine sediment to aquatic species presents, and I found that wasn't really discussed adequately.

Also, there is a BMP under the aquatic section allowing for underburning activities in RHCA, and that wasn't adequately evaluated in the aquatic section of the BE or the EA section of either the aquatic or hydro sections for potential fine sediment reaching a stream channel from that activity and how that fine sediment could effect aquatic individuals and individual habitat for the short or long-term at the project, subwatershed, or Watershed scales.

I would also reconsider the potential determination of impacts to Coeur d' Alene Salamanders under the Wildlife section, because it my understanding that CDA salamanders have been found in both White Pine and Beaver Creek subwatersheds, and there is potential for individuals to be present at any of the perennial or seasonal stream crossings or wetted ditch lines that fractured bed rock outcrops or pit run rock with interstitial spaces in the road bed near any water. CDA salamanders have been known to move for miles during the wet seasons (spring or fall) in search of mates. They are underground during the dry and cold seasons (summer and winter). So I would recommend your determination of impacts be reevaluated for those proposed activities occurring during the wet season i.e. underburning, especially in RHCA's.

Under Migratory Birds do you have a better estimate of what percent change there will be from the proposed activities in the proposed project area?

Thank you for your time to consider my comments and questions.

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