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Regarding the Blue Mountain National Forests 'Management Plan' revision, several friends have said to me, "No one in the hierarchies of the US Forest Service and related agencies, has any interest in your ideas and opinions. I respond, none of these are my ideas. I refer in this letter, to the persons that led me to write.

Instead of "management plan", consider a "stewardship process". Dwight Eisenhower said, "...plans are worthless, but planning is everything". Stewardship trumps management. And process trumps destination.

1. The USDA Secretary and related agencies, should 'ask for help' by way of a written invitation if necessary on letterhead that specifically asks 'fire philosophy persons and authors' for suggestions as to national and regional fire stewardship plans, for example Stephen J. Pyne, Jerry F. Franklin James K. Agee, Timothy P. Egan and Norman Maclean (deceased, but still with us thru his writings and AI).

2. Any written 'plan' should be limited to a single document of 250 pages, with an index. This is from Antoine de St.-Exupery.

3. A written plan should include a summary & articulation of 'Core Values or Principles'. for example (environment, sustainability, social responsibility, economic viability, bio-diversity etc.)

4. Statement regarding the relationship of anadromous fish (marine derived nutrients) to the health of the forests. Thomas Reimchen (Uof Victoria BC)

6. Statement of acknowledgement that regulatory agencies over time tend to be driven by the industries they were created to regulate. George Stigler (regulatory capture).

7. The USFS could acknowledge that there should never be a closing date or deadline to valid concerns and progressive suggestions as to forest stewardship. In that vain it is also hereby proposed that the USFS should support and enable local/regional advisory teams comprised of and nominated by the various stakeholder groups and appointed by affected Counties.

8. A statement attributed to William Deming that it is the intention of USFS and related agencies to drive out fear in its stewardship process. No one should fear for speaking truth to power.

10. A statement attributed to Caren Cooper, Lara Roman or Heidi Ballard, that it is the intention of the USFS and related agencies to encourage and enable citizen scientists to participate in an ongoing BMNF Stewardship Process.

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11. a statement regarding "his/her own footprints, boots on the ground, firefighters, the people who are in the midst of the fires and forests everyday, like those on the factory floor, should likewise be considered stakeholders with equal status to Boise Cascade and Louisiana Pacific. James Surowiecki.

12. a statement regarding team and teamwork as

...the voluntary unification of people of disparate talents backgrounds and predispositions to concentrate on a common goal Naomi Bliven, Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics.