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Comments: question on Forest Plan revision

As an outfitter operating on private land along the Main Salmon and in the Gospel Hump Wilderness I have been attempting to make heads or tails of the plan revision. I haven't been able to attend any of the meetings due to logistics and client bookings. I have a few questions that aren't answered by my perusal of the document.

Please address these items for me:

Elk Creek RNA-this is in a highly traveled area that contains one of our non system trails to our hunting area where we have a camp. Is there any language to change our ability to access and use this trail? Page 78 and 79

Jetboat permits are administered by Salmon River Ranger District- is there language to address this or will you just leave it as is in the Frank Church plan?

I do have a grazing permit and I need clarification on the status of that based on the chart on page 64?

Regarding the possible designation of the Salmon River (chart page 77) from the confluence with Little Salmon River to Long Tom Bar I would object. As someone who lives daily with both the protection provided by, and the restrictions provided by, Wild and Scenic designation I think it would be cumbersome for the county, the local outfitters, the landowners, and the general public who use that section.

And last, but not at all least, please clarify for me the tables on pages 123-127 regarding trails. What information do these tables contain? On the chart the headings are confusing as under MILES everything is 1 or 2 and under NAME it is numbers and under TYPE it is a name/location? I don't see Crooked Creek trail or many of the trails in my area in the charts for Salmon River District or Red River District and there is no clarity to whether this is a good thing or bad?

I have been an active member of the Frank Church CWMA for many years. I am hopeful that a program can be implemented for the Gospel Hump soon and that funding can be found to continue the war on weeds in the river corridor.

Thanks for your time.

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