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Comments: Scoping comments on the Loebert Restoration project

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Dear Supervisor Cummins,

Thanks for sending me information indicating you were taking public comments on the proposed Loebert Restoration project. After examining the map, I knew it was important for me to comment, because my uncle lives in Ft. Klamath. He camps at Hogelstein County Park and from there hikes to Edgewood Mtn. that's surrounded for several miles by Loebert treatments

When I read the October 2015 Loebert scoping package online it indicated treatments are planned on 62,435 acres. I read the rest of the scoping package to determine the planned treatments and the approximate treatment acres.

The bottom of page 8 of the scoping package gives the public a list of "restoration treatment options":

- commercial thinning,
- small tree thinning,

- hand piling,
- machine piling,
- pile burning
- jackpot burning,
- underburning,
- mastication,
- whole tree yard,
- miscellaneous forest products gathering

The scoping package does not tell the public what treatments are planned, just what might occur. I emailed Kelly Ware asking for clarification and was told they didn't know because the field work wasn't completed. I suggested it was too early to ask the public to comment and to scope when the preliminary field work is complete. I was ignored and received no response to my suggestion.

On 7 separate occasions I emailed you, Kelly Ware, and Ranger Lawrence asking for your best estimate of what you thought the Loebert treatments might be. I received no response to my 7 requests for information.

Therefore, I cannot comment because I didn't know what to comment on, however I would like to comment on the draft EA or EIS when it's ready. Perhaps the missing information will be included.

I am notifying you that you make a mockery of FSH 1909.15-11 because you fail to present a "coherent proposal." The Scoping Notice for the Loebert Project also violates:

40 CFR 1500.5(d), 40 CFR 1501.7, 40 CFR 1500.2(d), 40 CFR 1506.6(a) and 36 CFR 220.1(b).

Sincerely,

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PS: I have copies of my 7 email asking for specific treatments on file.

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