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BLUE Mtn. RANGER DIST. RANGER
C/O BETHENY PARKER

THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE AUSTIN PROJECT.
53678 AND FOREST WORK TO BE DONE CONCERNING
THAT PROJECT. WE SPOKE EARLIER ABOUT MY CONCERNS
DEALING WITH ROAD CLOSURES DEEMED PERMITTED OR GATED
THAT MAY BE CLOSED (PERMANENTLY) PERMANENTLY.
YOU TOLD ME THERE WERE TO BE NO ROAD CLOSURES IN THIS
PROJECT AND THAT SOUNDS GOOD - BUT DOES THIS MEAN
C.F.R. CLOSURES OR ARE OTHER ROADS GOING TO BE CLOSED
BY BERM, TRAPTRAPS OR PULLING OUT CURBENTS AT THE END
OF THE PROJECT w/o C.F.R.? THESE KINDS OF CLOSURES DONT ONLY
RESULT IN TEMPORARY CLOSURES BUT MAY BECOME PERMANENT
THROUGH NEW USE BLOCKING ACCESS NOT ONLY FOR PUBLIC USE
BUT ALSO FOR FIRE ACCESS COSTING EXTRA TIME AND LABOR
IN GETTING TO A FIRE. MANY TIMES THESE TYPES OF CLOSURES
ARE IN THE HARVEST OR THINNING CONTRACT - WOULD YOU KNOW
AND COULD YOU GIVE ME INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER
OR NOT THIS IS SO FOR THIS PROJECT? - THANK YOU
THE MAH. FOREST HAD A PROJECT ALONG THE ^{MIDDLE} FORK
OF THE TOWN DAY AND NO HARVEST REMOVAL WAS ALLOWED
WITHIN 300' OF THE STREAM - YET A DESCRIBED FIRE WAS
IGNITED FROM THE RD. CLOSE TO THE RIVERS EDGE
RESULTING IN MANY KILLED TREES AND ADDED FIRE FUELS
THAT ~~WERE~~ ^{WERE} OR COULD NOT BE HARVESTED ONLY FUEL AND LEFT
~~BECAUSE~~ ^{BECAUSE} OF THEIR HAZARD TO THE ROADWAY AND SCENIC
CORRIDOR. DESCRIBED FIRE IS NOT A GOOD OR SOUND METHOD
OF THINNING - PILING OF PRECOMMERCIAL MATERIAL AND BURNING
OF PILES REDUCES FUTURE FIRE HAZARD AND RESULTS IN LESS
MORTALITY TO THE (REMAINING) REMAINING STAND. A BETTER
RESULT ALL AROUND,
STREAM RESTORATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED VERY
CAREFULLY AND I AM SURE ONLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL -
HYDROLOGY AND FISHERIES ARE CONSULTED - BUT PLEASE
CONSIDER SOME STREAMS THAT HAVE HAD RESTORATION OR
RECHANNELING DONE IN THE PAST -
OVER -

TAKE A LOOK AT CAMP CREEK THAT FLOWS INTO THE MIDDLE FORK
OF THE JOHN DAY - OVERDUNE TO THE POINT OF RUINATION NOT
RESTORATION. THESE STREAMS CONTAIN NATIVE SPECIES OF
STEELHEAD - SALMON AND TROUT - NO STOCKING OF HATCHERY
FISH. - EVEN THE NORTH FORK OF BRIDGE CREEK HAS NATIVE
TROUT HIGH UP INTO ITS HEADWATERS - THESE STREAMS ARE
VERY SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY
BEFORE ANY RESTORATION WORK TO BE DONE.

THESE ARE A FEW OF MY CONCERNS DEALING WITH THIS PROJECT.
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS - AND KNOW YOU HAVE ALREADY
DEVOTED MUCH TIME PERSONALLY TO THESE ISSUES IN YOUR OWN
JOB CAPACITY. THANKS AGAIN - IF YOU CARE TO REPLY IM AT!

MICHAEL R. CHRISTENSEN (M.R.C)
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P.S. I AM A FORMER TIMBER CRUISER AND TIMBER CREW
LEADER ON THE MALHEUR & STILL HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN
THE TIMBER (PRESALE DEPT.) IN THAT OFFICE AND BURNS.
I CAN ONLY SPEAK OF THEM HIGHLY!

THANKS AGAIN -



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