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### Forest Management

[Question posed to the group] A large part of the landscape is overstocked with a combination of small to large diameter trees. What does the landscape need and what can the Forest Service do to achieve that?

- ? Large diameter trees may be marketable, or may not be economically viable
- ? We have left all the old trees. 21" diameter limits has left a large percentage of older trees. Need to revisit the 21" trees across entire forest
- ? If you put roads in, they will take logs out
- ? Webb Canyon area, access is needed
- ? Clearcut was the first strategy/method. Select cut was next strategy. We need to do a better job of reading the land and be flexible with treatments
- ? Determine stand densities to enhance growth and maintain stand diversity
- ? Maintain variety of species
- ? Overstocked stands are result of diseases
- ? Thinning can be very expensive, products aren't commercial. How do you solve that? Focus on areas that have commercial value first then remove low value trees next
- ? Grinding/biomass possibilities
- ? Manage fire is not a precise tool
- ? Avoiding riparian areas is leaving them overstocked and at risk for disturbance/fire

### Fire

[Question posed to the group] How would you suggest the agency manage the forest landscape to allow for less destructive wildfire events to occur?

- ? Need to develop fire break for Mill Creek Watershed near City of Walla Walla
- ? Cooperating agencies/cities and private landowners need to be working together before fire
- ? Drought and climate change influencing management strategy
- ? Dense fuel loads in watershed is a management need. Funding is an issue
- ? Roads are instrumental in stopping fires
- ? Management needed includes hand piles, machine piles, grazing (cattle or sheep)
- ? Southern Umatilla National Forest project areas would benefit if the 21" diameter screen was gone

### Communities

[Question posed to the group] As a member of the community, what do you believe our top priority should be for this landscape-scale restoration project?

- ? Healthy forests and fire management so that if fire occurs it can be controlled
- ? Access to other special forest products (mushrooms/huckleberries)
- ? Recreation
- ? Wildlife habitat management/elk movement
- ? Wildlife population distribution
- ? Water
- ? Climate change
- ? Need to study fossil beds (shows cycles of climate)
- ? Timber production/support industry

- ? Manage and protect areas available for forest management
- ? Find highest economic value for all uses
- ? Effects on water capture and storage

Wildlife, Aquatics and other Sensitive Habitats

[Question posed to the group] What fish and/or wildlife species and habitats are important for us to consider when planning the Forest Resiliency Project activities? What conditions do you see benefiting these species and their habitats?

- ? Timing of prescription implementation in relationship to big game migration and movement
- ? Need to make adjustments if treatments push big game on to private lands
- ? Forage recovery and reseeded of forage
- ? Work with neighboring landowners of pending treatments and potential impacts
- ? Consider sediment in streams
- ? Consider different fish species (Trout, steelhead, bull trout, etc)
- ? Invasive plants affecting habitat (like puncture vine)