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Dear Mr. Pena and Mr. Tidwell,

RE: Comments - road closure projects and treatments

I wish to go on record regarding thru travel management process. I have been added to 2-3 lists by the USFS and never seem to receive public meeting notices, emails or any notifications regarding the travel management projects or plans other than when sent email directly to Mr. Montoya... This has been an on going problem and worsens with time.

The roads that are currently closed, I do NOT support re-closing those roads within the projects areas. There are roads that the USFS has targeted as closed during the creation of roads backlogs maintenance reports, regardless of reason. The public should be given opportunity during the scoping process to see the proposal, plans, maps and related materials for review to provide impute as to usages of those roads PRIOR to being decommissioned or closed when project is ending. If those roads are necessary for current travel, those roads need to be removed from the re-closure project lists.

Throughout the Travel Management plans noticed roads identified as "closed" were incorrect when the public is currently still utilizing those roads. If a road was constructed prior to October 1976 are ruled as "Public Domestic Domain Access Right of Ways," and are protected for the use of the general public accessing natural resources sustainability for survival.

The USFS needs to refer to or create and tag an inventory mapping system of those roads constructed prior to 1976. I know those records, maps are achieved within the local county court assessors office as well as achieved within USFS filing system, mapping and records. Those prior 1976 roads need to be removed from the closure or decommissioning list project.

The project listings of vegetative treatments that will assist regaining a healthy forests controlling evasive, overgrown and fuel of catastrophic forest wildfires and range fires losses. The catastrophic fires cause budgeting issues, mass erosion, lack of growth due to canopy, debris decay; "Moss emissions" per the USFS, loss of adjoining private property, heath risks increased due to smoke emissions and loss of life.

It is my understanding that the USFS is gearing up development of alternatives, prior to that would it be possible that the Blue Mountains Resiliency Team conduct some public meetings within the affected communities in conjunction of the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Ochoco National Forest's confirming the roads identified as "closed" in the proposed treatment areas are actually closed and not being used.

I do support the plans for vegetation treatments that will meet the needs of the residents and local communities in an attempt to regain a healthy forest with open access to resources for the public and access for fire suppression.

I am hoping the BMRT utilizes the comments received for public impute.

It is all about sustainability for today, tomorrow and for future generations.

Thank you,

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