The project proposes to complete massive vegetative treatments within all three administrative units in response to the poor conditions our public lands due to the mismanagement of the Forest Service Supervisors Offices Baker, Pendleton and Prineville. FAFA stands in support of such treatments to reduce fuel loads on the landscape, we are very aware though as to how such projects are used to manipulate public support to things that are harmful to the communities in the area.

Items to comment on -

1. There is no delineation of which roads are currently identified as “closed” for public to comment in the scoping period. Roads identified as “currently closed” should be mapped, and displayed for public comment during scoping period so that an accurate assessment of current road uses by the public are identified as to not cause undo hardship on planners or local residents.

2. Define “improve existing road networks” does that mean fixing roads to minimize impacts, or decommissioning roads to meet ESA standards that negatively impact the local residents.

3. There is no definition is found for each of these "connected actions" of system road reconstruction, road maintenance, or re-closure of roads opened to implement treatments (this goes back to item 1. Roads stated as “currently closed” need to be presented to the public in scoping to allow them to comment on the current status of the roads.

4. No list of potential best management practices and design criteria are presented in the scoping letter for the public to be able to comment on potential treatments.

5. I support the statement on Page 9 of the scoping letter of “maintaining current road densities” but the scoping letter does not adequately delineate what roads are currently identified as closed or open on each forest so I can not given an adequate comments to the scoping letter as presented.

Just a few more thoughts;

It is with grave concern watching the demise of our Multiple Use National Forest turn into what it has, mismanaged, over bloated fire budgets and for why? Is it because the USFS no longer is receiving any timber receipts, any budgets for road building, road maintenance, tree planting or harvesting of trees for seedlings? Grazing fees are down? Mining receipts? Is it because the Federal Government owes Trillions of dollars in debt and needs to put our national forest up for collateral?

And yet when local people step up and have a fire almost under control, (JOHN DAY) A fire complex management team is called in and the fire becomes out of control. IT would seem that the only budget the USFS gets any funding for through Congress now is for Wildfire.

IS it any wonder the USFS wants to remove access to all the roads? Is it so the forest is no longer able to have access to so we can’t see what the wolves are doing to the wildlife? Is it so that we can’t see how the bugs that are not being addressed are killing our trees?

USFS has become in league with the Center for Biological Diversity as well as Dave Foreman's Wildlands Institute, who brought us taking the land back to where it was in 1492 and the Yucatan to Yukon Wildland Project. Andy Kerr was hung in effigy in Wallowa County a few years ago but now his Oregon Natural Resource Council (private not govt) is also in league with our government agency.
Hells Canyon Natural Resource Council use to be concerned with the Hells Canyon so they could raft the wild waters of the Snake River. Interesting that Ric Baily and some others in those days belonged to these groups yet made money from their float trips in the summer. They can use it for their purpose but people who owned the land were driven out.

Now we have environmental attorneys, professors, and others who sit on the boards of these groups that sue the federal government if they don't get the results they want. Yet others who have bid on timber sales, grazing rights, mining rights and paid their bid are left out of this process. Yet they get to foot the bill so to speak.

It'd be interesting to see what condition the forest was when it was being managed by foresters who knew how to mark the trees, engineers who knew how to build roads and the forest was a vital part of the economy of the community around it.

Instead of being locked up and only utilized by a few. If all of this was happening years ago this would've been collusion. But today it's called forest restoration, = lock up our national forest that is owned by the people of this nation and it is all done with our tax dollars.

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