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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?

- ? More logging and reduce fuel loads to reduce fire risk
- ? Salvage logging quickly after a fire
- ? Chipping- goes back into the soil faster
- ? Default toward economic benefits first
- ? More commercial and non-commercial thinning
- ? Interface with local workforce. Hire local employees and county members to do the work
- ? Equal Opportunity under the Law
- ? More treatment in other than warm/dry forest
- ? More infrastructure to take logs (continual product flow to support the infrastructure)
- ? No 21" tree screen
- ? Immediate and aggressive treatments
- ? Thinning crews to do implementation
- ? Designation by prescription
- ? Diverse age structure on Forest compared to historical range of variation
- ? More opportunities for firewood cutting
- ? Effective treatments to last until next rotation (20-40 year entries)
- ? Allow for young trees to grow (could mean cutting a lot of what's out there)
- ? Multiple use, for example improving/increasing forage for wildlife, cattle, etc.

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?

- ? Budgets don't allow for needed projects- firefighting takes it
- ? Clean out and open up roads. Close roads are obstructing fire suppression and firewood removal
- ? More logging projects and more thinning projects. Heavier treatments- cut more
- ? Too many restrictions
- ? Cut green firewood along with dead as a means to reduce fuel
- ? More thinning- need access to do this
- ? Prescribed fire at regular intervals
- ? Integrate public treatment with private land treatments to reduce risk of fire transmission
- ? Use grazing as fire prevention tool
- ? Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ranches and the Forest Service
- ? Break up the continuum
- ? Fuel breaks along major roads
- ? Pruning of trees and thinning of trees to reduce fuel load
- ? Needed treatment at an effective cut level and at regular time intervals
- ? Fires in wilderness- need to reduce risk of spread
- ? Interface with Wallowa County work force for doing restoration work

- ? Human Resources
- ? Ensure diversity of stand structure and stand types

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?

- ? Prevent spread of fire to private lands
- ? Access for recreation and fire protection
- ? Jobs- need to hold workshops to help people find work
- ? Concern with this being a one-time treatment. Sustainability
- ? Access to firewood. Need to open up for more wood cutting in new areas
- ? Post logging slash used by community. Don't waste the activity fuels
- ? Economic benefits
- ? More opportunities for sawmills
- ? Need a local manufacturing facility
- ? Provide training to communities on firewood to develop better understanding of rules
- ? See what people are doing on the land and the Forest Service needs to learn from that
- ? Put in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) treatments
- ? Open up canopy for forage

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?

- ? Grazing as an option to supplement treatments
- ? Priority on economic benefits for treatments
- ? Treatments have benefits to habitats
- ? Address wolf predation on deer and elk in alternatives
- ? Human impact and resources with habitat
- ? Protecting huckleberry areas
- ? Consider treatments in Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas (RHCA) and Inventoried Roadless Areas

(IRA)

- ? RHCA's act as conduits for fire
- ? Add other resource areas to interactive map for better comments
- ? Nutrition study for elk
- ? Acknowledge both positive and negative impacts in each alternative
- ? Identify potential impacts to endangered species in each alternative
- ? Utilize the ODFW Conservation Strategy
- ? Capture effects of No Action
- ? Analyze impacts/effects of invasive annual grasses (including mitigation after treatment)
- o Including seeding of non-native grass species as a benefit