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Enclosed are the comments for the Forest Resiliency Project on the three forests involved in this plan.

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These comments and documentation are specific to the Wallowa Whitman National Forest, but I would like my comments to be included in all three forest plans as I feel similar situations may have existed between USFS designated collaborators of these plans and personal financial benefit to the exclusion of individual forest user interested in other forest plans as well.

This document which began as the work product of a grassroots movement of individual forest users in the winter of 2011 with a petition with almost 800 signatures from W.C. Citizens protesting lack of involvement in Forest Planning and turned into W.C. Commissioners.

From that a group of 67 met at Lear pub and a group was formed and from general consensus of that group, I, Peggy Kite Martin was selected to work with this group to help them/us get our issues before the planning officials.

During this time the following "statement of WH was written and read before the W.C. Commissioner Board.

As a result of that process, five committee members were appointed. See ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) on elected public appointed officials.

From that point forward I was deleted from this work group and in fact was denied access to input information. (see equal opportunity under the law) (Federal statute) as rumors circulated from invested interests that I was unstable, i.e. crazy (see ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)) violation of my civil rights as an individual forest user based upon commissioners and committee members "perception" of my disability.

The next document, "Wallowa County Woodcutters Council of Five", "suggested language to be included in the Wallowa Whitman National Forest Travel Management Plan." References CFR 36, Chp 2, Part 223-Sale of National Forest System Timber; includes language that could have been used by our Commissioners, Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee, and "Wallowa Resources" to protect our interest in woodcutting which is and has always been an organic industry in Wallowa County in our National Forests.

The admission of references to this, or to woodcutters, economy of community, especially the federally designation of "Dislocated Wood Workers" in the plan designed by the above mentioned collaborators, and showing up as preferred alternatives in this plan, that relate directly pack to the personal financial benefit of those decision makers cannot be ignored in this or any other forest planning process.

These relationships with "Wallowa Post n Pole", "Community Solutions", the biofuels plant in Wallowa, log processing, log sawmill, log cabin construction, firewood production, and other existing and subsidized enterprises related to this forest work were never aired before the WC public for equal opportunity to access projects, but were rather housed in the silos of the aforementioned collaborators while the "Restoration Economy" that was parent of these projects was never mentioned as happening in all of the included documentation that was work product by myself and others during my tenure with the OR Employment Dept, and most especially mayor of the City of Joseph where I legally represented 1080 citizens, along with being a public employee involved in workforce issues in WC leadership for the past 20+ years.

In the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) of this Resiliency Project Human Species must be addressed as we have been a "part" of this ecosystem for tons of thousands of years.

The resiliency of our communities is dependent upon a strong middle class work force that once existed and provided for strong community and individual characteristics, is directly ties to the work that needs completed upon these lands.

Our Workforce has been denied an opportunity to participate based instead on the benefits of USFS collaborators who are designated as those being charged with representing our interests.

The relationship between the United States Forest Service and "elected" and "appointed by elected" officials; that select for their personal benefit, is in direct violation of Oregon Revised Statues Ethics law, see inclosed,. Has given unfair advantage leading to a "Monopoly" (see federal statue) and has selected against therefore has caused unporportional disadvantage to low income residents.

Also in the cost/benefit analysis of this project, if details of numbers of dollars spent by federal, state, and local government on the "poverty" caused to us as a culture and evidenced in the rise in costs to social services; your conclusions will differ.

Statistics on these can be obtained by State of Oregon and Federal social service providers and will demonstrate this trend.

A comprehensive "Socio-economic" evaluation must be completed and these numbers added to your cost of doing business as you plan.

Also I contend that our very "Culture" is at risk as families have been broken up and the Criminal Justice numbers, mental health and other caseloads have increased as a result of taking away the livelihood of some 250 dislocated timber worker families who should have been represented "equally under the law" in these procedures but instead have been ignored by those charged by your agency to involve our interests. This could be seen as a "bribe" by the USFS to our elected officials to give them what they themselves want, so that they will sign away the individual forest users rights to access both our forest and the entire planning process.

I do not see how cost benefit analysis can be determined when you have not involved individuals in the stewardship opportunities, despite my continued request throughout this entire Forest Planning Process over the last 20 years.

All of the submitted documentation has been submitted to WC Commissioners, WCNAC, and Wallowa Residents over the years yet has simply been ignored as to the favor of what worked best for those decision makers.

The Document "Wallowa County Woodcutters Council of Five" is being re-worked into a "Statement of Self Determination from Wallowa County Woodcutters" and will soon be released to the public to gather signatures to make this a "legal doctrine."

I would also request that as a part of this process to determine "cost/benefit" individual forest users, having

been identified as being denied equal opportunity to representation under the law be given a chance to make livelihood statements on their historic relationship working on these lands.

I trace my work back 50 years to being the daughter of a cowboy running cattle on the "Indian Village" ranch back in 1962. I have a resume that includes my years of work on these forests and request that these skills be entered into the record as the legal definition of "livelihood" and that livelihood be a central element of the EIS of this and all projects designed by the USFS.

In lieu of faxing too many pages in this comment I request that my 122 page comment on the Blue Mountain Forest plan be included by reference as in that submission I provided additional documentation of all I have commented on today.

Also to include by reference my comments on the Lower Joseph Scoping Comments, and most recently my comments and documentation on the "Lostine Corridor Public Safety Project" to the Eagle Cap Ranger District, submitted March 10, 2016.

In short to include by reference title, the following apply to my comments, as evidence of my claims on this statement.

- City of Joseph - Resolution for a Restoration Economy
- Hands on Lands Watershed Stewardship Work Project
- Citizens of Joseph Vote for Peggy Kite-Martin Mayor of Joseph
- Oregon Ethics Law
- Oregon Land Use Planning Law
- Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest
- Land Stewardship Contracting in the National Forests
- A Community Divide to Existing Authorities by Paul Ringgold
- FSM 2463 Administrative Use
- FSM2463.01 - Authority Forest Officers may dispose of forest products by administrative use under the regulation at 36 CFR 223.2
- 223.100 - Award to highest bidder? unless subsection (d) monopoly, injurious to public welfare, would result from the control of large amounts of public or of public and private.
- Toolkit Promoting Health and Sustainability (Watershed, People, Community), A Stewardship Approach to Ecosystem Management, Version 1.0, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6), 5/8/2001
- Building on our Pioneer Spirit, Wallowa County Economic Action Team, Rural Development Assistance Team Report
- Quality Jobs in Natural Resources Act of 2003, Community Based Forest and Public Lands Restoration

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachments 1-9:- letter

Attachments 10 & 11: Wallowa County Woodcutters Council Five

- Soon to be retitled "Statement of Wallowa County Wood Workers Doctrine of Self Determination"
- See Confidential Triber legal process of Self Determination
- CFR 36, Chp 2, part 223, Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber
- I was never allowed to distribute or discuss this document, which was a "work product" of this group where I was charged with defining culture. Instead I was omitted from the group and am now declaring

Attachments 12-15: Statement of Culture

Attachment 16-19: Toolkit: Promoting Health and Sustainability (Watershed People, Community)

- With the following documentation, this concludes my 19 page comments on the Forest Resiliency Project to be included in the comments on all three forests
- *Various notes written on attachment*

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