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Comments:

Please keep me updated on the progress of this proposal. My expectation is that the USFS will conduct a full NEPA review through a DEIS and FEIS process in order for any decision made here to be legal under NEPA, the APP and the 2012 Planning Rule. I also suggest that the USFS charter a federal FACA committee to assist with the development of this proposed rule and its proper analysis. The state level committee set up by the Governor is nice but subject to political influences that a FACA committee would not be, nor is the state committee designed to be collaborative with its "voting" members. Also, to give this rule the adequate national perspective required by NEPA and the Planning Rule, a federal FACA committee would be better and well worth the investment once litigation over the final decision occurs (indeed, a FACA committee is the only thing that would have a chance of shielding this decision from litigation).

Thank you,  
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