

Working Group Notes

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Working Group Rules

1. Don't judge until you understand.
2. Ask questions to deepen your understanding.
3. Be open to other view points.
4. Be honest in your comments.
5. Be respectful.
6. Allow space for people to articulate views.

Topic: Economic

What is econ?

Recreation

Berries
Mushrooms
Hiking
Biking
Hunting
Fishing
Horseback riding
Boating
Camping
RV'ing
ATV riding
4 wheeling (jeeps)
Motor biking
Firewood
Historical
Fossil
Bird watching
Wildlife viewing
Photographing
Snowmobiling

Non-Recreation

Logging
Mining
Mills
Hotel
Gas
Food
Grazing
Outfitting
Special use
Hydrological power
Bio mass
Roads
Trails
Ski hill
Cultural resources

Other

Aquifer recharging
Quality of life
Local diversity
aesthetics

Commodities can be appropriate:

Logging
Outfitter
Grazing

Topic: Recreation

What should change?

More trails with more parking (both hiking and ORV)
Salmo Priest/Kettle Range – create tent camping area near water
More trails near population centers
Convert closed roads to trails
Minimize expansion to create loops – ATV, mountain bikes
Some roads need to be closed
Short trails for mushroom and berry picking
Coop agreement with private landowners for trails, parking, etc.
Mixed use trails near population centers

Topic: Forest Health

Logging:

- Operable land <35% slope
- Infrastructure
- Protect homes
- Community health
- wildlife

Prioritize:

- Adequate logging available on roaded areas
- Proper logging is sustainable
- Some areas need to be logged for forest health
- Take a look at road construction requirements

It is acceptable to extract commercial product from the forest

Logging is a tool to maintain ecological integrity and community protection in some areas

Logging should be prioritized in the WUI, previously logged, and roaded areas, and the landscape should support existing local infrastructure.

Logging is a necessary tool

Concentrate logging:

- In WUI
- In areas where there is risk to property
- To mitigate ecological concerns
- Priorities
- In areas of high road density
- In areas of fire risk
- As a tool of good stewardship

Topic: Wilderness

Wilderness should be expanded into inventoried roadless areas with consideration for appropriateness of this designation – what can and cannot happen in wilderness areas vs. inventoried roadless areas

Look at areas we would never use for logging