

Tobacco GA Meeting in Fortine, MT
Public Comments
June 24, 2003

Topic	Number of Sticker Dots	Comments from Meetings in June 2003
Access/Rec	22	Open more roads on a year-round basis (gated roads and bermed roads) and perform maintenance to maintain reasonable use
Access/Rec	10	Traditional snowmobile use in the Ten Lakes area that is recognized thru the Forest Plan should continue as it is today. This is a socio-economic value to the Tobacco Valley and Lincoln County. It is our culture and heritage.
Access/Rec	8	Snowmobile access to Ten Lakes area should not extend beyond Therriault Lakes (exhaust fumes produce hydrocarbons at rate of 250 times greater than a single car)
Access/Rec	8	Would like to have designated x-country ski area with parking, toilet (ex: Round Meadows on the Flathead) Therriault Pass would be suitable
Access/Rec	8	Don't close any more National Forest roads
Fire Risk	8	Biomass energy generation using non-merchantable material
Wildlife	8	Would like to manage for people before wildlife
Fire Risk	7	Harvest fire salvage while merchantable
Timber	7	Forests always changing, need to manage old growth also – utilize timber harvest
Access/Rec	6	Keep historical horse use in KNF
Access/Rec	6	STOP Tearing Out (Recontouring Roads Quit Spending Taxpayer Money twice!)
Access/Rec	6	No more closed roads
Timber	6	Legal action needs to be take against destructionists groups shutting down salvage and dead timber sales to charge them with destruction of public property
Wildlife	6	Spring bear season is too early – change seasons
Fire Risk	5	Reduce prescribed burns
IRA/Wild	5	Make Ten Lakes area a National Recreation Area
Other Issues	5	Forest Plan should protect the heritage and culture and custom of communities adjacent to the forests
Timber	5	Salvage areas affected by insects while there is still value in the wood and before damage takes place
Vegetation	5	Don't ignore grazing – put more emphasis on it
Vegetation	5	Lack of grazing is creating more of a fire hazard by not controlling fuels! FS grazing permits are
Access/Rec	4	Maintain existing motorized access on NF lands especially for senior citizens to be able to
Fire Risk	4	Manage timber for healthy forests
Fire Risk	4	Include provision for emergency stop-gap measure
IRA/wild	4	IRA/ Proposed wilderness should be opened up temporarily with skid trails to capture the dead timber
Timber	4	Sustainability is key to forest health and also the key to community health. Community health
Vegetation	4	Do something about the knapweed! And other weeds that are increasing –cooperate with the State
Water/Fish	4	Remove protection for bull trout
Access/Rec	3	Need additional trail/areas for mountain biking and cross country skiing – connected areas/loops, excludes motorized (i.e. snowmobiles)
Vegetation	3	Many plantations – would like FS to capitalize on investment already put into these areas – thin, plant etc through the commercial harvest
Vegetation	3	Need to thin – not only around private land – but backwoods for fire hazard
Water/Fish	3	Base WQLS info on quality information

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Access/Rec	2	Provide horse load/unload facilities at trailheads where horse use is designated
Access/Rec	2	Would like to see better enforcement of existing restrictions (ie. OHV violating current restrictions)
Access/Rec	2	Leave the roads open; take out gates – need access for fire and other resources
Access/Rec	2	More Trailheads for horse trailers – sign beginning of road
Access/Rec	2	Would like to have more currently open roads put in restricted status
Access/Rec	2	Think of the disabled!
Fire Risk	2	Aggressive management of urban interface fuel but exclude old growth
Fire Risk	2	Biomass heating plant (Fuels for Schools) at Eureka schols
Other Issues	2	CHEM trails from jets (please give us info)
Other Issues	2	Make economics part of all decisions
Other Issues	2	Accommodate traditional panning and prospecting activities
Timber	2	Small sales have a local operator preference
Timber	2	Manage forests on a sustainable yield basis
Timber	2	To allow 9'3" firewood/deadwood to be removed by general public
Vegetation	2	Important for FS to prioritize treatment of insect/disease damage adjacent to private land
Vegetation	2	Need knapweed bounties – need weed round-ups – like the Oregon bottle law
Vegetation	2	State & county need to be more active against weeds
Vegetation	2	We need a forest plan that provides sustainability within the designated GA while maintaining
Vegetation	2	Analyze effects of sedimentation by catastrophic wildfire on drainages vs commercial thinning
Wildlife	2	Griz in NCDE need to be off ESA
Wildlife	2	Increase core area for grizzly bear
Wildlife	2	Manage as if grizzly in NCDE is recovered, so don't need connections between
Wildlife	2	Set aside spring handicapped area for access – spring bear season
Access/Rec	1	Wilderness should have NO motorized access/use
Access/Rec	1	There is adequate amount of wilderness now, no need for additional wilderness
Access/Rec	1	More wilderness, once it's gone it's gone forever
Access/Rec	1	More motorized access
Access/Rec	1	Provide ATV/Snowmobile loop trails and maps
Access/Rec	1	Keep any motorized trail bike off of any existing trail
Access/Rec	1	A major road into each major area for fire control and sportsman access
Access/Rec	1	Closure of roads has resulted in longer trail access to traditional recreation area (Ex. Wee Lake, Teepee Mtn.)
Access/Rec	1	Inventory with public comments all RS 2477 roads – open those already chosen
Access/Rec	1	Provide access for other management activities, ie. harvest activities, fuels mgmt, fire suppression
Access/Rec	1	Provide better information regarding the reasons for decommissioning of roads. Describe the benefits
Access/Rec	1	Forest Plan should be voted on only by those who live/work in K.N.F. area
Access/Rec	1	Design plans to allow local managers to be more flexible and site specific

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Access/Rec	1	Set up designated areas for specific use, i.e. OHV's vs. Horse/Mountain Bike/Foot/Hiking
Access/Rec	1	Open more roads for seasonal use (i.e. hunting and fishing)
Access/Rec	1	Do not convert any more roads to trails
Access/Rec	1	Don't need a scenic corridor along the railroad tracks
Access/Rec	1	Wasn't the purpose of logging roads to get the timber out? What will pay for all these backlogged maintenance
Access/Rec	1	Senior citizens firewood program on closed roads
Fire Risk	1	Reduce fuels build up near communities
Fire Risk	1	More salvage to reduce fire hazard (dead & down) also to supply raw materials to mills
Fire Risk	1	Firewood in slash piles
IRA/Wild	1	How will wildfires be managed in IRAs? Concerned about poor roaded access to fight fires
IRA/Wild	1	The Ten Lakes MWSA area should be designated as wilderness
Other Issues	1	Public suspicion that local influence is lost in combined forest planning cannot be allayed by public meetings. If you're really concerned about local public influence and input, return some measure of local influence by doing the planning forest by forest
Other Issues	1	End the 30-year war on the Kootenai by bringing polarized groups to the table to find common ground
Other Issues	1	Utilize "call when needed" contracting to get more work done on the ground at a competitive rate
Other Issues	1	Important to maintain socio-economic base of resource dependent communities
Timber	1	More local input into very small sales, such as identification of areas and sale design
Timber	1	Increase annual sale volume
Timber	1	Utilize timber products before burning an area
Timber	1	Utilize precommercial thinning to increase growth in established plantations
Timber	1	Forest Plan should contain an aggressive selective thinning program to pre-empt and solve
Timber	1	Need to use local forest surveys/stand exams to determine outputs. Not public opinion
Timber	1	Look into providing wood fiber for biomass – provides income to Forest Service & cleans up the forest floor
Timber	1	Harvest should meet/equal the mortality rate on forest
Timber	1	Need to avoid listing outputs by CCF or MBF and gear it toward improving forest health
Vegetation	1	Allow firewood cutting in designated old growth
Vegetation	1	Get more aggressive with weed control
Vegetation	1	OHV use is causing widespread weedsw and erosion
Vegetation	1	FS needs to be more aggressive with knapweed and other weeds
Vegetation	1	Treat arrowleaf balsamroot as a weed
Vegetation	1	Need to do something about tent caterpillars
Water/Fish	1	Actively manage riparian to restore all riparian components – plants, animals
Water/Fish	1	More stocking, increased limits
Water/Fish	1	Manage forest to minimize damage to aquatic resources – timber management, stock
Wildlife	1	Linkage carnivores (restoration, habitats, prioritize)

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Wildlife	1	Close more roads for animals, expand Endangered Species Act, manage for animals in Roadless Areas
Wildlife	1	Lynx – what does management mean to timber production
Wildlife	1	Concern that T&E/Griz road standard limits will automatically limit recreation access “by law,” that is recovery standards we must follow.
Wildlife	1	More elk - more deer – more bears
Wildlife	1	Road density requirements for grizzly bear and other species mitigation and habitat
Wildlife	1	USFWS is biggest problem
Wildlife	1	Would like to see wildlife management a lower priority because of non science-based court decisions that give wildlife a higher priority that is not based on sound science.

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