

**Pend Oreille GA Meeting in Sandpoint, ID  
Public Comments  
June 12, 2003**

| Revision Topic | Number of Sticker Dots | June 2003 Comments   |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Access & Rec   | 18                     | Access for hose trailers (more trailheads, road obliteration should allow horse access, all nature to close the road - it has been there a long time)                  |
| IRA/Wild       | 12                     | Put something in the Plan to provide permanent protection for IRAs   |
| Access & Rec   | 9                      | More access for recreationists.  |
| IRA/Wild       | 9                      | Keep access to wilderness areas open - that are currently open - no more closures.   |
| Wildlife       | 9                      | Work for connectivity between IRA's for wildlife movement. Identify linkage zones and protect them.  |
| Wildlife       | 9                      | Would like to see caribou closure area remain closed to motorized access   |
| Access & Rec   | 7                      | People want more motorized opportunities.  |
| Access & Rec   | 6                      | Less motorized uses.   |
| Timber         | 6                      | Harvest more area using selective cutting, improving forest health, supply jobs and produce commodity products, necessary for us (rather than harvesting in 3rd world) |
| Water/Fish     | 5                      | Road obliteration (much more) and improvements it makes to watersheds.   |
| Wildlife       | 5                      | All BMU's biologically viable (road densities, full seasonal range etc.)   |
| Access & Rec   | 4                      | Aviation access (low impact, emergencies, staging areas, maintain current strip at Priest lake)  |
| Vegetation     | 4                      | Reduce amount of shade tolerant trees and down fuel (also see fire risk)   |
| Wildlife       | 4                      | Open caribou closure area for motorized winter access  |
| Access & Rec   | 3                      | People want more non-motorized opportunities   |
| Access & Rec   | 3                      | Concern about roads and access for firewood cutting, creation, hunting etc.  |
| Fire Risk      | 3                      | Need to remove dead and dying trees with proper access.  |
| Vegetation     | 3                      | Education directed to the normal person on the spread of noxious weeds - the already converted. Noxious weeds should be a priority.                                    |
| Vegetation     | 3                      | Convert forest to historical conditions (ie. 5 million acres of white pine cover type.   |
| Vegetation     | 3                      | Are you creating problems of increased potassium deficiency on low potassium sites by removing trees?  |
| Water/Fish     | 3                      | Protection and better enforcement on SPZ buffers   |
| Water/Fish     | 3                      | Loss of water from timber harvesting.  |
| Access & Rec   | 2                      | There are "some areas" where non-motorized and motorized are compatible (ie. Snowmobile/cross country skiing). Doesn't have to be a conflict                           |
| Access & Rec   | 2                      | Study needs to be done on damage to the resource by ATV's vs. horses and which has more impact as far as weed spread.  |
| Access & Rec   | 2                      | Loss of access due to road obliteration.   |
| Access & Rec   | 2                      | Decommissioning roads are used to keep people out. Where does the decision come from?  |
| Access & Rec   | 2                      | Who makes the decisions on what roads/trails are close? What is the process?   |
| Access & Rec   | 2                      | What about seasonal access?  |
| Fire Risk      | 2                      | Forest Service should admit that the current management practices are not enough to reduce wildfire risk, or the establishment of early seral species.                 |
| Fire Risk      | 2                      | Reduce down fuel component, along with ladder fuels.   |
| Fire Risk      | 2                      | Often logging practices increase fire risk "fire risk = WMD" to excuse environmentally disasterous policies.   |
| Timber         | 2                      | Forest Plan should ensure proper monitoring of soil resource, including compaction, disturbance, soil organic matter, soil nutrients.                                  |
| Timber         | 2                      | Harvest more small diameter timber using different harvest methods.  |
| Timber         | 2                      | Minimal selective logging with motive to preserve our great majestic forests.  |

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| Timber                | 2                             | Return clearcutting as option to reduce disease etc.   |
| Timber                | 2                             | Reduce amount of clearcuts allowed on National Forest  |
| Vegetation            | 2                             | Noxious weeds have sky rocketed on federal lands.  |
| Vegetation            | 2                             | Concerns about effects of logging on soil productivity - slash piling scoops up debris that should be left.    |
| Access & Rec          | 1                             | Increase snowmobiling grooming in Selkirks   |
| Access & Rec          | 1                             | State and County should manage lands.  |
| Access & Rec          | 1                             | No trailhead access fees   |
| Fire Risk             | 1                             | Do not use threat of fires as excuse to go over entire National Forest and log.                                |
| IRA/Wild              | 1                             | Inform public of changes to IRAs because of administration new direction. Be sure public has input to process. |
| Vegetation            | 1                             | Manage for desirable species including planting.   |
| Water/Fish            | 1                             | Clear water and potential impacts to Pend Oreille Lake   |
| Water/Fish            | 1                             | Milfoil - education and signage  |
| Water/Fish            | 1                             | How will INFISH impact Forest Plan Revision  |
| Wildlife              | 1                             | Management options (ie. recreation, timber, wildlife) subordinate to Endangered Species Act                    |

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