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Dear Listening Session Participants and Interested Individuals:

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas, interests, and concerns at the forest plan revision listening sessions recently held across the region. This report reflects feedback from the initial three listening sessions, which were attended by over 300 people. In total, almost 900 people participated in 18 listening sessions across Washington, Oregon and Northern California. We appreciate the passion, interests, and diversity you represented at the listening sessions, and we look forward to incorporating your feedback as we develop our strategy for plan revision within the NW Forest Plan area. We received rich information from all of the listening sessions, including the additional 15 that were held in more rural communities in response to public feedback. We are still in the process of developing our regional plan revision strategy, and we look forward to more dialogue with you as we move forward.

Our contractor for the initial three listening sessions, Triangle, has produced a summary of the first three listening sessions. We posted the Triangle report to our plan revision website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/?cid=stelprd3831710>. We will post a report of the additional 15 listening sessions that were held as soon as it is available. Both reports will inform our strategy for plan revision.

As we said at the listening sessions, we are at the beginning of this dialogue about revising forest plans. Feedback on how the Forest Service should engage with the public during plan revision will directly inform our public engagement strategy. Feedback on what issues we should consider as we develop a plan revision strategy was also helpful. While we can't guarantee plan revision will address the entire suite of issues that were raised, we do have a much better sense of the range of values held by interested individuals, and we have a better sense of what you see as gaps or inadequacies in our current management. Your feedback on the science synthesis will be shared with the science synthesis team, and your more general feedback on science will inform our public engagement strategy.

We heard your concerns about our insufficient communication in some of our decision making processes, and we will work to keep you informed as we move forward. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions. Questions about the listening session report can be directed to PlanRevisionListeningSessions@fs.fed.us.

Thank you again for your participation. We look forward to sharing the report for the additional 15 listening sessions with you when it's available this summer.

Sincerely,



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