

2013 Kootenai Forest Plan Revision Objection

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Name of the lead objector (if more than one objector): _____

Name of the plan revision being objected to:

Kootenai National Forest Land Management Plan 2013 Revision.

Responsible Official: Faye L. Krueger - Regional Forester, Northern Region.

Statement of issues and/or parts of the plan revision which the objection applies:

My objection is in regard to Thompson Seton recommended Wilderness.

Statement explaining the objection and how the proposed plan should be altered:

The Wilderness proposal is a direct violation of private water in-holdings, municipal and irrigation. Vegetation and streamside management must be maintained in all watersheds that supply potable water to wells and municipal water users. No "let it burn" policy would be acceptable within these private and state watershed in-holdings.

The recommended wilderness management must be removed from the Record of Decision and placed back into general forest status to maintain options to prevent catastrophic fire through management. The road prism should remain intact for future management needs.

Statement demonstrating the link between the objection and prior formal comments:

My comments sent on May 4, 2012 paragraph 4, commentor #363.

Signature:

Kurt West

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EMC RPC-6th Floor, Attn: Judicial and Administrative Reviews, 1601 N. Kent Street
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I object to more restrictive management that consolidates and restricts
recognized recreational use.

Statement explaining the objection and how the proposed plan should be altered:

The Forest Service agrees with this opinion, yet continues to become more
restrictive. The US Forest Service, knowing that recreation is one of the major
contributing factors to Lincoln County's citizens and economy, they are obligated
to do a site-specific analysis of the economics before entering into more
restrictive management.

A real analysis has not been done in Eureka as I own two local businesses, one
for 28 years and one for 16 years and have not yet been contacted for input
on a site-specific study.

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I object to 5a management in the Whitefish Divide area.

Statement explaining the objection and how the proposed plan should be altered:

This is a significant change in policy that did not enter into NEPA. The US Forest Service did not involve due process on cumulative effects of the area. This management eliminates over the snow mechanized recreation from area. This is truly circumvention of Congress to create de-facto wilderness.

The Forest Service should reevaluate this decision while putting the Record of Decision on hold while it is resolved.

Statement demonstrating the link between the objection and prior formal comments:

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I object to the ROS modeling that was used on the Kootenai National Forest Plan.

Statement explaining the objection and how the proposed plan should be altered:

The modeling is inaccurate and inadequate. It does not mesh with private studies on over the snow motorized use. I cannot duplicate outcome of current ROS.

The US Forest Service should remove all future restrictive management until accurate models are developed.

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Responsible Official: Faye L. Krueger - Regional Forester, Northern Region.

Statement of issues and/or parts of the plan revision which the objection applies:

Objection process in general; failure to meet NEPA requirements.

Statement explaining the objection and how the proposed plan should be altered:

Due to the fact that the change from appeals to objection was not open for public comment; that change should have been addressed within the NEPA process.

The change between appeals and objection is a significant issue that NEPA is required for. Many commentors were not made aware of the change during the process.

The Record of Decision must be suspended until this significant issue has been resolved through a proper NEPA process that includes the unaware and uninformed public that commented on the Kootenai National Forest Plan. I would also suspect that the Idaho Panhandle has similar circumstances.

Statement demonstrating the link between the objection and prior formal comments:

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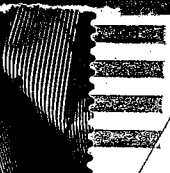
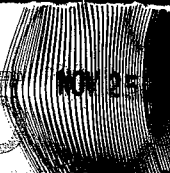
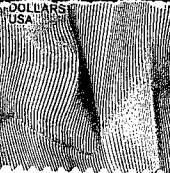
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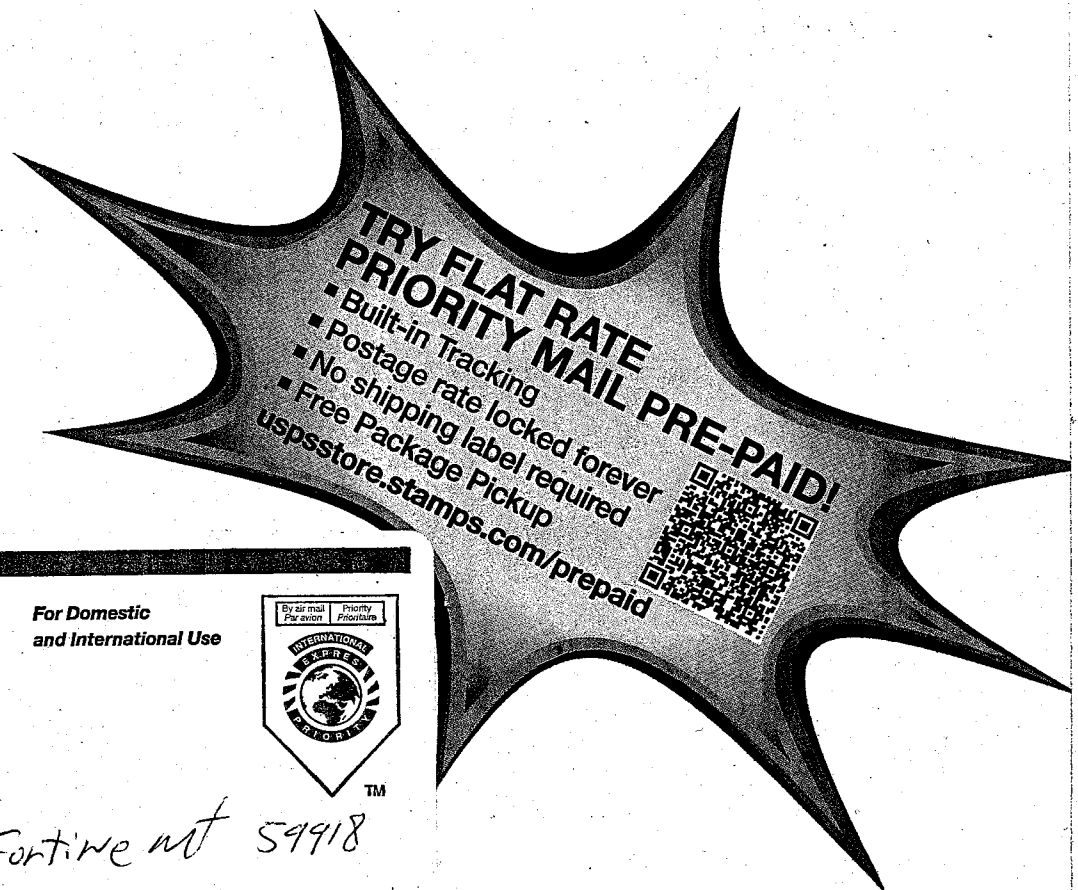
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