Appendix A

Analysis of Scoping Comments

Five Mile BridgeReplacement Project

Three letters specific to the project were received during the scoping period of March 24, 2017 to April 24, 2017. The disposition of the comments are found in the Table below. The original comment letters are available in the project record.

Table: Comment Analysis

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Idaho Conservation League, Brad Smith	This project should be put on hold until the Forest Supervisor signs the record of decision for the Nez Perce Travel Plan.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action.
	It would be premature to build a bridge for an ATV trail before a decision is made about whether or not the route will be designated for ATV use.	Trail 821 is currently open to ATVs and snowmobiles and is proposed to remain so under the FEIS for DRAMVU.
	We also question whether it is legitimate to groom this route for snowmobile use during the winter months.	The trail is currently open to snowmobiles. Planning for over snow vehicles will be initiated at a future time.
	To our knowledge, the Forest Service had never adopted a winter travel management plan for the Nez Perce [NF], which is required under Subpart C of the Travel Management Rule before routes or areas can legally be used for snowmobiling.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action.
Friends of the Clearwater, Gary Macfarlane	The proposal seems to be beneficial and may fit within CE parameters.	Thank you for your comment.
	The real issue iswhether mitigation money for the Snake River dams/Columbia hydro system should or can legally be used to conduct road and trail (Five Mile ATV) infrastructure that the Forest Service has theresponsibility to maintain.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action.

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Friends of the Clearwater, Gary Macfarlane	If the [FS] cannot maintain its bridges on the road system, by definition those routes would be ones the [FS] can't economically maintain.As noted in a letter dated August 28, 2015, regarding travel analysis: > [FS] Washington Office memoranda...instructed forests to use the subpart A process to "maintain an appropriately sized and environmentally sustainable road system that is responsive to ecological, economic, and social concerns." The memoranda also outline core elements that must be included in each Travel Analysis Report. The Forest Service needs to answer these important questions about infrastructure before proceeding.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action
Rod Parks	I am in full support of this project, including blocking access to the existing ford.	Thank you for your comment.
	All equipment, including pickups should be cleaned and inspected to be weed free, not just the road equipment. This should apply to all government vehicles also.	Design criteria for cleaning road equipment prior to being on sitewould includevehicles associated with the project.