

Forest	Project Name	Scoping Commenter	30-day Commenter	Page	Topic(s)
Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Fleecer Mtn Project EA (1,617 acres of commercial harvest)		Dick Artley	4	Contention that FS did not adequately disclose in the EA a response to his opposing views provided during scoping period.
			Steve Flynn, Sun Mtn Lumbe	2	Precommercial thinning needs, overabundance of snags, restrictive roads and seasonal operating restrictions.
			Micheal Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies and Native Ecosystems Council	7	Contentions of violating environmental laws; demands to address issues of noxious weeds, Best Management Practices, Management Indicator Species, Road Maintenance needs, elk security, wolverines, fisher, road runoff permits, economic analysis, NEPA costs, culverts, watershed conditions, lynx, old growth, carbon storage, visual standards, other wildlife benefits and harms, fire severity, "over how many millennia have mixed and high severity fire been occurring withou human intervention?", role of beetles, snags, goshawks, grizzly bears, westslope trout, consultation with Fish and Wildlife Service, species viability.
			Sara Jane Johnson, Native Ecosystems Council and for Mike Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies	10	Wildlife impacts, snag habitat, old growth, big-game habitat, wildlife surveys, weeds, aspen management, roadless lands, range of alternatives, suggests an EIS is required due to impacts on wildlife, encroachment impacts on nongame wildlife, lynx and other predators.

Bitterroot	Three Saddle vegetation Management EA (1,291 acres of commercial harvests)		William Moore	1	Limited public access for hunting, firewood cutting and recreation. Supports project.
			Don Baty	1	Concerned about visual landscape.
			Floyd Wood	4	Concerned about residual damage from modern logging equipment. Doesn't like impacts from thinning by prescribed fire. big game habitat, cumulative effects, fuels treatments effectiveness, lynx, wolverine, goshawks, need for sawlogs, use of helicopters preferred, prefers small logging equip, prefers no action alternative.
			Mike Jeffords	4	Supports project. Concerned about loss of recreational opportunities due to road closures and obliterations. High cost of road oblits, suggests simple closure with gates and pulling culverts to save money and reduce sediments caused by oblits.
			Carl Baldwin	1	Supports project.
			Mike Jeffords, Ravalli County Off Road User Association	3	Supports project. Concerned about loss of recreational opportunities due to road closures and obliterations. High cost of road oblits, suggests simple closure with gates and pulling culverts to save money and reduce sediments caused by oblits.

			Jim Miller, Friends of the Bitterroot	6	Oppose commercial logging in the area. Old growth, wildlife, fisheries, cumulative effects, grazing and logging on adjacent private lands, precommercial thinning, illegal off road use, watershed health, range of alternatives, roads, maintaining viable populations, T&E and MIS, OHV use, wildlife hiding cover, fragmentation of old growth, prescribed fire concerns, cumulative effects from adjacent private land activities, need for Forest Plan ammendment to implement.
			Bitterroot Restoration Committee	2	Supports parts of project that the group could all agree on, including specific units proposed for restoration harvesting, prescribed fires, precommercial thinning, improvement harvest units, and proposed road decommissioning.
			Dick Artley	15 pages of comments plus about 230 pages of attachments for reference.	Opposes commercial logging on National Forests. Issues too numerous to list completely, but include use of best science, effectiveness of restoration treatments, effects from roads, use of herbicides, noxious weeds, claim that the majority of the public do not want commercial logging on national forests.
			Gerald Kowalski and Margaret Gorski	2	Support the project and had specific concerns about wildlife, recreation, visual resources.
Clearwater	Lower Orogrande (DEIS) (1,190 acres of commercial harvests)		Rael Nidess	1	Opposed to timber harvests in general.
			Jean Public	1	Opposed to timber harvests in general. Supports road closures, doesn't like prescribed burning for health reasons.

			Jeff Cook, Idaho Parks and Recreation	2 plus 2 pages of attachments	Concerned about conflicts with recreational activities. Provided suggested solutions to minimize conflicts.
			Daniel Stewart, ID Dept of Environmental Quality	1	Provided info on impaired watershed and needs for monitoring plan.
			Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League	2	Supports watershed restoration, concerned about regeneration harvests and temp road construction, concerned about soils, road obliteration support, prescribed fire support, supports variable spacing residual trees.
			Gary Macfarlane, Friends of the Clearwater and Jeff Juel, The Lands Council	4	NEPA and NFMA compliance, inadequate range of alternatives, public participation, soils, watersheds, fisheries, wildlife, old growth, vegetation, fire, climate change, carbon emissions, economics of logging.
			Dick Artley	22 plus about 230 pages of reference documents	Statements the commercial logging does not benefit forest resources. Claims DEIS is illegal. Provides references to oppose projects claimed benefits, including topics such as publics acceptance of logging on national forests, road building, watershed health, consideration of alternatives, air quality, heritage resoures, old growth, size of openings, snag habitat, noxious weeds, T&E species, availability of project files, use of herbicides,
			Christine Reichgott, US EPA	4	Provided support and recommendations to improve watershed conditions and elk habitat.

Flathead	Spotted Bear River Project EA (1,193 acres of commercial harvests)		Henry Rivera	2	Lack of time to review and comment, limited range of alternatives, winter range, screening cover along roads, elk thermal and security cover, wild and scenic corridor, roads, motorized access, trail improvements.
			Dale Luhman	7 plus 4 pages of photos	Prefers that the area be placed in wilderness category, let nature take it's course with fires, limit recreational access to wilderness, open road and trail seasons, grizzly bear security, effects from temp roads, skid roads, landings, noxious weeds, wild and scenic rivers, unroaded areas, recreation, motorized access.
			Keith Hammer, Swan View Coalition	3	Hiding cover for grizzly bear and other wildlife, roads, effects on grizzly bear from helicopter logging.
			Adam Rissien, Wildlands CPI	8	Concerned about fragmentation of wildlife habitat due to roads and motorized trails. Range of alternatives, season of use of roads, temporary and historic road use, grizzly bear security, hydrology, point source pollution from roads,
			Arlene Montgomery, Friends of the Wild Swan	5	Range of alternatives, soil disturbance, economics, climate change, old growth, wildlife, hydrology and fisheries, point source pollution from roads, wants project to be EIS instead of EA.
			George Barce	1	General support and suggestion that more open forests in the past created improved winter range.

			Mark Brust, Back Country Horsemen	1	General support for project and any actions that improve trail and back country access.
			Chris Damrow, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co.	1	Supports project. Concerned about dust abatement costs.
Gallatin	Smith Cr Vegetation Treatment Project EA (810 acres of commercial harvests)		Will and Joyce Grohmann	2	Supports project and would like a particular road to be graveled to reduce impacts from late fall hunting vehicle rutting. Would also like winter plowing of a road to improve winter recreation access.
			Sara Jane Johnson, Native Ecosystems Council and for Mike Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies	6	FOIA request for additional documents and maps, effects from past and proposed logging on fire management, past monitoring, goshawk, habitat for cavity nesting birds, snag management, aspen management, management indicator species, flammulated owls, deer and elk habitat, pine martin, sediment, past logging and road building effects, would like to have the project analyzed as an EIS.
			Sandy(?) Luxford	1	Supports harvest treatments but opposes prescribed burns and use of a specific road for sediment reasons.
			Janet and Ronald Hartman	1	Supports harvest treatments but opposes prescribed burns and use of a specific road for sediment reasons.

			Micheal Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies	44	Believes EIS is needed. Claims proposal violates Clean Water Act, claims logging will disrupt natural forest succession and recover. Wide range of topics including, economics, fire suppression, cumulative effects, soils, wildlife, roads, species viability, old growth, motorized recreation and many other issues. Authors' Note: This is the perfect example of Environmental groups tactic of "carpet bombing" projects with demands for excessive analysis. bw
			Sharon Hapner	7	Wants full EIS completed, using consultation of experts outside the FS. Topics discussed include: effects on fire and fuels resulting from logging, harvesting for insect and disease control, aspen management, ATVs, grazing, visuals, opposed to logging, climate change.
			Scott Opitz, Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Fish Biologist	1	Supports project as a means to reduce the potential of catastrophic fire and reduce the long term sediment to streams inhabited by the Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Smith Cr drainage.

Helena	Stonewall Project EIS (acres of commercial harvest not identified yet)	Due to the number of commenters (83) to this initial project scoping period, I will summarize		from 1 page per commenter to over 130 pages (Dick Artley), second place for carpet bombing letter goes to the Alliance for the Wild Rockies (Garrity) and Native Ecosystems Council (Johnson), at 66	Topics pretty much cover all that have been previously listed above. Support also varies from full support to full opposition, but of those people who provided an opinion to this initial project proposal (about 51 people), 46 (90%) support the proposal.
Idaho Panhandle	East Fork Meadow Cr EA (1,520 acres of commercial harvests)		Jeff Cook, Idaho Parks and Recreation	1	Suggests design criteria to protect existing trails in project area.
			Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League	3	Concerned with roads, ATVs, wants more prescribed fires, perceived lack of project details, concerned with whole-tree yarding, old growth, sediments, weed treatments and chemicals in streams, opposed to project as presently designed.
			Mike Mehelich, Kootenai Environmental Alliance	5	Wants full EIS completed. Topics include economics, roads, EMS, noxious weeds, fish barriers, vegetation, fisheries, Clean Water Act, cumulative effects,
			Jeff Juel, The Lands Council and Micheal Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies	58	Cumulative effects, fire suppression, economics, fuels reduction, watershed health, ATVs, old growth, T&E species and other wildlife, best available science, snag management, WUI boundaries, hydrology, sediments, soils, and other topics. This is another classic example of the "carpet bombing" technique employed by these two groups.

Kootenai	Pilgrim Timber Sale EA (1,400 acres of commercial harvests)	Kenneth Johansson		1 phone call	Concern about road maintenance on county road accessing his property.
		Cal Ryder		1 phone call	Consider big game habitat, supports prescribed burning.
		Tom Humphreys		1 phone call	No comments, just wants to be kept informed of project as it's developed.
		Mrs Jerry Arsena		1 office visit	Concerned about loss of screening from their house and a road.
		Roger Lund		1	Supports project
		Don and Tami Marshall		1	Wants more logging and less burning.
		Doug Ferrell		1	Supports project.
		Dick Artley		2	Suggests the FS wasn't complying with 30-day comment period, no other comments.
		Jeff Juel, The Lands Council and on behalf of Micheal Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies		6	Grizzly bear habitat, restoration treatments defined, ecological sustainabilty, old growth, snags, cumulative impacts on wildlife, viable populations of species, Inventoried Roadless Area boundaries, roads.
		R. Mark Wilson, US Fish and Wildlife Service		1	Provided info on bull trout.
		Jerry Arsena		1	Road maintenance near his house, provided suggestion on where more regeneration harvest near his home should be included.
		Caro Brooker and J. Gail Patton, Sanders County Commissioners		1	Supports project and would to see biomass utilized. Road maintenace concerns.
		Tony Cox, Sanders County Commissioner		1	Supports project. Concern about fixing and maintaining existing roads and offer to form a partnership for road maintenance.

Lewis and Clark	Blankenship EA (1,100 acres of commercial harvests)		Henry Karki, phone	1	Supports project as long as it doesn't block his mine access.
			Sara Jane Johnson, Native Ecosystems Council and for Mike Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies	13	Concerned about size of project. Other topics include roadless area, old growth, burning and slashing impacts, goshawks, snowshoe hares, snag dependent wildlife, big game habitat, lynx, monitoring, roads, noxious weeds, sensitive plants.
			Adam Grove, Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologist	1	Supports project as proposed, although they thought some analysis concerning herbaceous and shrubs was lacking in details. Ranger followed up with more details in EA.
			Gary Bertellotti, Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Supervisor	1	Letter of support following FS completion of herbaceous and shrub analysis.
			Allen Rollo and John Chase, Cascade County Conservation District	1 office visit and one page comment letter	Supports project
			Charles Hedrick	2	Supports project but also had concerns about lack of details on effects to dispersed recreation sites, lack of effort for biomass utilization, lack of info on roads.
Lolo	Marshall Woods Restoration Project EA (761 acres of commercial harvests)	Steve Siebert		1	Supports project. Suggests closing some steep mountain bike trails due to erosion.
		Bud Moran, Chairman Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation		4	Supports project and notified FS of cultural sites that need protecting.
		Keith Jakob		1	Suggested closing some old dead end roads that confuse trail locations in area.
		Jason Glenn		1	Supports project.

		Dan Harbor		1	Supports project. Rides horses and hikes trails in area.
		Alden Wright		1	Supports project. Recreates in area and provided some suggested trail improvements.
		Bob Harrington, Montana State Forester		1	Supports project.
		Adam Tutskey		1	Recreates in area and asked to keep trail system intact.
		Arvid Hiller, Mountain Water Co.		1	Supports project. Wants to be kept informed of activities in the municipal watershed.
		Stephanie Draper		1	Somewhat supports project but is concerned about effects on recreation in the area.
		Kathy Gaskill		1	Supports project and road improvements into the recreation area.
		Joe Kipphut		1	Supports road improvements to enable snowmachine trail grooming.
		Steven Gaskill		2	Supports project. Provided suggestions to improve recreation access in area.
		Chris Carlson		2	Suggests not masticating fuels because mulch may smolder when burned and kill residual trees. Suggests using native grasses for weed control. Suggests emphasis on leaving fire resistant trees. Mountain bike recreation access is important.
		Mike and Lorena Hillis		2	Supports project and supports maintaining public access for recreation.

		Jeff Juel, The Lands Council and Micheal Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies		4	Happy the project is being developed under the Lolo Restoration Committee. Topics include applying MFRC Principals, emulate fires natural role, limit mechanical and prescribed fire treatments, species viability, opposed to logging some units, bull trout, temp roads, other roads and trail management, motorized trails, soils, sediment, Forest Plan Amendment.
		Bob Skogley		1	Supports project but is concerned about closing any roads and trails used for recreation.
		Ruben Stratford		1	Concerned about any trail closures.
		Jacquelyn Coruay, Donna Gaukler, Morgan Valliant, Missoula Parks and Rec Dept		2	Supports project and provided info about adjoining city recreational area.
		Darren Robosky		1	Concerned about any limitations to mountain biking in the area.
		John Dilley		1	Supports fuels reduction. Weeds a concern.
		Dave Ryan		1	Concerns and comments on leaving visual buffer near trails, access.
		George Rogers		1	Prefers only harvesting small trees, doesn't want recreational access improved that would increase use.
		Karen Knight		1	Recreates in area. Supports project.
		Tarn Ream, Univ of Montana		1	Information on location of ongoing research plot in area that needs protecting.
		Susan Reneau		1	Supports project. Wanted more info on trail management in area.
		Derek Goldman		1	Opposed to activities that effect quiet recreational experience in area.

		Ellie Sigrist		2	Would prefer a much lighter harvest and more restricted use of roads for logging and recreation. Doesn't want aerial application of herbicides to be used for weed treatments.
		Bobby Grillo, Montana Conservation Corps		2	Opposed to logging in Units 1 and 2. Supports more trail improvement projects in area.
		Matthew Koehler		2	Recreates in the area. Opposed to commercial logging aspect of project.
		Greg Peters, Rattlesnake Cr Watershed Group		2	Doesn't support road widening and log hauling activities in the recreation area. Supports limited fuels reduction work.
		Tommy Petersen		1	Somewhat supports project but is concerned about effects on recreation in the area.
		Debra Lassila		1	Concerned about any limitations to mountain biking in the area.
		Bob Brandenberger		3	Somewhat supports project but is concerned about effects on recreation in the area.
		Jed Little, Missoula County Weed District		3	Supports project and any weed management in area.
		Jim Lowery		2	Supports project. Concerned about visuals.
		Jake Kreilick		3	Somewhat supports fuels reduction work but limited commercial logging.
		Vickie Edwards and Kristi DuBois, Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife biologists		2	Concerns with potential disturbance to elk and mule deer populations in area, even though the project would improve habitat. Improving access into some areas a concern for wildlife security.

		Scott Brennan and Pam Gardner, Lolo Restoration Committee		3	Somewhat supports the project but with some opposition to some commercial logging units for visual and recreational conflict reasons.
Nez Perce	Lodge Point Commercial Thin EA (1,500 acres of commercial harvests)		Dick Artley	9 plus 13 pages of reference material	Claims project won't maintain or improve the health of timber stands, opposed to commercial timber sales, roads, opposed to use of herbicides for weed control.
			Jeff Juel, The Lands Council and Gary Macfarlane, Friends of the Clearwater and for the Alliance for the Wild Rockies	3	Lacks reasonable range of alternatives, watersheds, fisheries, soils, cultural resources, economics, effects from logging, effectiveness of fuels reduction, roadless areas, wildlife.
			Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League	3	Somewhat supports the project. Concerned about use of temp roads, other road issues, including support for more road closures. Weed control and sediments.