

Comments:

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For the uninitiated, a glossary of often-used but unexplained terms would be helpful. You defined "structurally complex" in your draft EIS, which was helpful, but not TMA, Timber Management Area, or General Landscape Area, which needs definition.

Table 39: No Action Alternative should have the riparian buffer expressed in numerical terms. Same with Alt. 1.

Alt. 2 and 3 indicate unacceptably tiny riparian buffers; this information conflicts with size of buffer expressed on p. XLVI, Plan Revision News.

Table 1: Salvaging for economic purposes allowed in TMA's in all 3 alternatives even though this practice led to great opposition and endless lawsuits in the past for logging of undamaged trees under guise of salvage. What protection is offered against this kind of illicit logging?

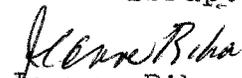
Fig. 1, Plan Revision News: Riparian management areas greatly reduced from No Action Alternative of 14% to 6-9% in the alternatives, alerting public to increased disregard for fish and stream conditions.

(You don't like these opinion comments, I know, but merely addressing technical details is not a valid measurement of citizen evaluation).

Table 39: No spotted owl activity centers in TMA's in Alt. 1 & 2. Does this reflect the absence of N. spotted owls, or just indifference to owl recovery?

Table 39: No special management effort for the marbled murrelet in Alt. 3. Again, why?

Alt. 1 & 2, XLVII and Table 39: Rotation age of 80-100 years will doom late successional reserves or structurally complex forest and, for Alt. 3, salvaging, partial harvesting and commercial thinning would disrupt Alt. 3's longer rotation time.


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