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Hi all,

I know many of you have worked over the years in providing input into the Science Plan. I'm guessing you are thinking..."here we go again...". In order to minimize how much time you have to contribute to this, I am taking the first stab at drafting each section using previous drafts dating back to 2000, new information since the last draft (2012), and what information is available from other sources.

You are my first test case to see how I'm doing on the re-write using the NLCS template. The NLCS template is not to be a re-iteration of all the science that has been done on the Monument but rather a guide of where the Monument wants to go. The document is to consider what decisions need to be made in the next 5-10 years and what science is needed to help inform those decisions. I took some liberties in what decisions management may need to make in this time frame. Clue me in if I am way off base.

I've embedded the vegetation section in the overall document outline following the NLCS template. I kept the notes from the template in the draft so you could see the context and flow of the document. Please focus your limited amount of available time on the content of the veg sections - not structure, formatting or grammar; that will come later.

Despite it being 8 pages, there are really only four and a half pages to review (middle page 1 through middle page 6 which includes a page and a half of a table). You can do it! Don't sweat it. If you could **please review by May 19th**, I would be very proud of you!

Thanks in advance.
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