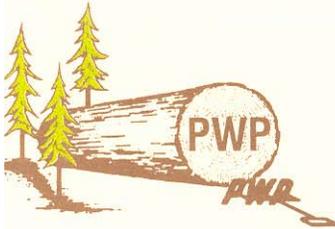


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Dear Mr. Tippy,

If I were to choose a preferred alternative, I would choose D. But, as you mentioned in your meeting, in John Day, you would prefer to hear the good and the bad to help you make your selection. We all agree that if some type of management doesn't happen soon either the bugs or fire will totally destroy the mountain, and all or part of Canyon City. So please do not worry about the visual aspects from logging.

We need to enter the riparian areas. However we should log these areas with a lighter hand on the ground. We should enter these areas, otherwise the riparian area is nothing more than a candle for both insects and or fire.

If we do some logging and IF water quality does not remain perfect, all hell breaks loose. But, if the mountain is destroyed by fire, we know the water quality will be bad for many years. The environmentalists will not say a word.

Recreation and OHV on the mountain is very important to John Day and Canyon City residents. However, there must be some rules for the mountain i.e.: spring, wet weather and summer fire danger. Please do not close the mountains to weekenders that just like to go for a leisurely drive. Somehow the garbage needs to be cleaned up and the law enforcement needs to get involved with the Canyon City Police or the Grant County Sheriffs Office to prevent this problem.

We need to reduce the Basal Area down to at least 40 BAF to help get this stand healthy again. As the BLM stated in their meeting, they are not restricted on the 21" diameter limit like the Forest Service is. There are many areas where the larger diameter trees are full of mistletoe. These trees need to be removed, don't just cut the small diameter trees.

Sincerely,

Dan H. Bishop  
Timber & Lands Advisor