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Re: 5800.2, EA #OR-054-02-083

Dear Mr. Tippy:

KLE Enterprises, Inc. submit the following comments concerning the Little Canyon Mountain Fuel Reduction Project EA. Contacts can be made with Ken Evans at P.O. Box 653, John Day, OR 97845, phone 541-575-0447, e-mail at [kleent@centurytel.net](mailto:kleent@centurytel.net).

We recommend the selection of Alternative E.

In the introduction it is stated that Alternatives C, D, E, & F meet the purpose and need of the proposal. The EA clearly shows that Alternative E best meets the purpose and need, the issues to be resolved, and the elements of the FONSI.

The **Purpose** of the proposed project includes the reduction of hazardous fuels and improving forest health by reducing BA resulting in less stress and increased vigor. Alternative E best meets this purpose by treating more acres, thus reducing insect activity and reducing dying trees that result in the build up of hazardous fuels. Only treating the ¼ mile interface is a very conservative part of the Purpose and has very little support in research and fire suppression experience. Recent Congressional Testimony and Floor Discussion has pointed out that the elements included in Alternative E that facilitates significantly reducing hazardous fuel conditions past the ¼ mile interface are needed and constitutes proper practices.

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The **Need** for the proposed action is to control the insect activity and damage on Little Canyon Mountain. Alternative E promotes more acres of a healthy forest than the other alternatives.

**Issues** to be resolved are best met by implementing Alternative E. Fire suppression actions, fuel build-up, preservation of visuals, and BA management are all best met in the elements of Alternative E. Issue 1.7.5 concerning salmonid fish needs to be supported by spawning and rearing records, as a minimum, "red counts", or it is a questionable issue. Issue 1.7.6 is best met by implementing Alternative E.

The **FONSI** supports all elements of Alternative E.

Please keep us informed of any additional opportunities to be involved in the development of this EA and subsequent action.

Sincerely,

KLE Enterprises, Inc.



Ken Evans CF  
Pres./Forester