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Comments

- 1] End net-loss, tax payer subsidized logging. Set a break-even price as the minimum for all timber sales. Break-even price must include all cleanup, road removal, replanting and other restoration costs.
- 2] End tree farming, i.e. single species replanting. Move into ecosystem management by replanting with the widest possible range of previously present plant species.
- 3] Increase thinning contracts along roads and other natural firebreaks to reduce wild fires.
- 4] Increase prescribed, understory burning to mimic natural cool weather fires and reducing wild fire.
- 5] End clear cutting except in special cases. Make all clear cuts irregular in shape. Leave more seed trees of all species within clear cuts.
- 6] Make timber companies post a 10 year post-cut bond to pay for all rehab work if the company goes bankrupt.
- 7] Make timber company executive personally liable for satisfactorily meeting all restoration contract reqmts.
- 8] Fund logging road removal with tax revenue or a fee on every board feet of timber harvested.
- 9] Protect existing and rehab damaged salmon and trout streams especially erosion prone sites and bad road culverts. Fund this work same as in #8.
- 10] Establish Community Oversight Boards in each Ranger District with even representation of pro and con logging interests. Give them "yes" and "no" authority over each action. Allow Forest Supervisor to have over-ride authority.
- 11] Establish a user fee, like federal Duck Stamp, for all recreational users with 100% returned to active recreational programs and 0% to administration. Pay for 400% more law enforcement rangers with these fees and a portion of all fines written.
- 12] Establish a significant commercial user fee, such things as mushroom hunters, about 500% higher than at present.
- 13] Establish summer youth, minor offender and volunteer work camps in the National Forests for trail, campsites and other maintenance program. Make these work programs with active dismissal policy for those not willing to work.
- 14] Increase public information about recreation and management actions via attractive, locally focused web sites.
- 15] Reduce National Forests current majority focus on timber cutting to make this co-equal with watershed, recreation, wildlife, wilderness, non-motorized compatible recreation goals, funding and staffing.
- 16] Institute measures to buffer District and Forest Supervisors from local, State and Federal political interference.
- 17] Significantly increase penalties for off road driving, dumping, illegal cutting, dumping pollution, illegal fires and other ecological violations including seizure of equipment involved, like ATVs. [Like with game violations.]
- 18] Significantly increase non-residential "Volunteers in the Forests" type programs on many Districts. Might be a bus picking up volunteers for a days work in the Forest...Say every Wednesday all summer.
- 19] Actively recruit appropriately educated/experienced retired folks for specific projects in their fields of expertise.
- 20] Actively design and long term conduct a "Return Your Forest Back to You" program of re-involving the general public.
- 21] Stop "welfare logging" [esp. in the Tongass] where we tax payers "hire" local logging companies with end result of damage to watersheds, salmon rivers, old growth forests, tourism and scenic values... just to give them a year or two of pay checks.

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