

U.S. FOREST SERVICE COMMENTS
ERPP VOLUMES I, II AND III

VOLUME I

Page 8 - Upper Watershed Vision Summary, I do not believe the implied intent should be to "reduce" harvest and grazing. As such suggested text might read: "---function is to reduce the level of stressors including wildfire, erosion and managing timber harvest and livestock grazing and other land use management actions that effect watershed health---".

Page 14 - Wildfire Vision Summary, suggest adding to the first sentence "---consequences of wildfires through fuels reduction and forest health improvement practices."

Page 27, right column, 1st paragraph, last sentence is poorly worded. Suggested revision being; " Upper watershed sediment supplies have been altered by increased human use and habitation in areas previously only influenced by natural processes of fire/flood and mass wasting."

Page 61, right column, second sentence is in conflict with last sentence as written. Suggested revision; " With fire frequency---1800s, the rate of nutrient release has been reduced, which has influenced the forest and watershed health."

Page 63, right hand column under VISION, the first sentence should be revised so as not to imply reduced harvest and grazing. Please see comment for Page 8 above for suggested revision.

Page 66 and 67 - Implementation objective, targets, and programmatic actions clearly identify opportunities in the upper watershed. To these opportunities, I recommend adding target(s) and programmatic action(s) to include:

- * vegetation and timber management as a tool to manage natural fuel loading and fuel reduction.
- * restoration of deteriorated watersheds, wetlands and meadows to improve hydrologic function.

VOLUME II

Page 7 & 8 - The target classification system (Classification of Targets), uses diamonds to rank the targets by their reliability in contributing to attainment of the implementation objectives. I believe there is sufficient scientific knowledge about fire, timber, roads, grazing and sediment movement to classify the targets and actions with a double diamond, that is, "Targets which will be implemented in stages with the appropriate monitoring to judge benefits and successes."

Pages 167, 184, 201, 224, 251, 332 and 390 identify three Programmatic Actions to attain the stated Target "Restore upper watershed processes". Obvious by its omission, and a programmatic action I believe needs to be included in each entry would read:

"Programmatic Action 1d: Plan and Restore deteriorated watersheds, wetlands and meadows to store water and reduce debris loading."

VOLUME III

Page 23 Implementation Strategies bullets for implementation projects is remiss in not including a bullet:

- o Upper watershed planning and restoration of deteriorated watersheds, wetlands and meadows to store water and reduce debris loading.