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Subject: Comments, FPA Number 2814956 DYN0, Skykomish River Valley

We appreciate this opportunity to provide public comment on this proposed Timber Sale by the WDNR. SVENA is an alliance of local residents in the Skykomish River Valley. The alliance members include citizens that are employed in or retired from the Public Education System and has a firm commitment to the full funding of public schools.

Our review of the DYN0 timber sale is underway. The two week review period is insufficient for substantive review by the public. Based on our initial review of the cut it is our opinion that additional review and public comment period for the timber sale is warranted for at least the following reasons:

- 1) The timber sale will expand a prominent residual scar from a clear cut that impacts the vista from US2, a nationally recognized scenic highway. No analysis of the visual impact to US2 is presented nor are there any exhibits that show how the timber sale will impact the vista from US2. The local cities and Snohomish County have reported that tourism is a vital element of their local business communities. The value of the vistas needs to be incorporated into the financial annals of the project.
- 2) The timber sale is superimposed upon an unsigned recreational area. Safety concerns will close these well visited and popular recreational areas. An analysis of the impact of this on local recreational use needs to be incorporated into the financial analysis of the project.
- 3) The timber sale is superimposed upon an area of historic mining claims. No provisions or discussion of the historic locations of mine related buildings including the smelter and possible damage to historic artifacts are within the discussion.
- 4) The timber sale documents do not discuss if any of the proposed road construction or timber sales will involve areas with wastes including metals such as arsenic from historic mining activities that may be re Mobilized by disturbance.
- 5) The timber sale documents refer to an historic trail that will be within the area of the timber sale. The popular name of the historic trail, the destination and the location of the trail relative to the timber sale should be clearly shown. The impacted community that has historically used the trail should be contacted for their comments.

6) The map of the timber sales do not show the visual impacts in a manner that the public can commonly understand. The WDNR must present timber sales in critical view sheds with graphic that can be readily understood by the public.

7) The Reiter Foothills area is a recreational area of increasing importance as our urban areas grow. The proposed timber sales should be posted in a prominent web site dedicated to the US 2 corridor and Reiter Foothills.

We look forward to being granted an extension of the public comment period to complete our review of the proposed Dyno Timber Sale.

Respectfully submitted,

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