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To: mark@americanlands.org

Subject: Re: Restore Native Ecosystems Alternative

Mark: I have received the materials you have sent both electronically and in hard copy. We met last week in Boise to discuss alternatives and spent a lengthy time discussing the proposal you submitted.

Basically, our alternatives address a range of acreages and methods of treatments to be considered and employed. It appears the RNE "alternative" is more of a management strategy than a true alternative for analysis in this EIS. In many ways it resembles a strategy that might be considered in an effort such as the ICBEMP in Idaho. I assume ALA would have attended the scoping meetings, and therefore you would know that this EIS is not that type of planning effort.

Please give me a call on Friday so we may discuss. There are portions of your proposal that have merit and there are areas that are completely outside the scope of this effort and cannot be addressed. As your proposal states on the first page, your position is an "all or nothing" analysis of the proposal. I believe this position may lead to an impasse and I would like to accommodate your proposal as much as possible, however, there are technical points that need to be addressed or modified for it to be workable and analyzable.

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