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Nedsbar Delays

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Dayne,

There are three reasons why I am alerting you that we likely will not meet the Nedsbar sale date in September 2015.

First, as you have experienced first hand, the Nedsbar sale is highly contentious with the community. The Resource Area has, however, been in a process with the community to build and evaluate a community alternative. The process to develop a mutually acceptable project and to build trust that we will carry out the project with the utmost integrity is a more lengthy one than a normal process.

Second, the capacity of the resource area and the District to continue the drive toward a September sale will conflict with the fire preparedness and support that is imminent, given the unusual fire conditions across the State and the West. In addition, the current energy devoted to the evolving Sugar Pine Mine incident is already taking away personnel from the collaborative timber sale effort.

Finally, the extra scrutiny and analysis work required in preparing the biological assessment (BA) for the Nedsbar sale and the associated work on behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Service is taking us beyond the cutoff dates for receiving a biological opinion in a timely manner.

I would like to discuss this with you when you return. Thanks.

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