

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Staney Creek Fish Kill

We should to on record through the Commissioner requesting to the USFS that logging in the Staney Creek drainage should be stopped in view of the fish kills that have taken place in this stream during the past two out of three years.

The next USFS's 5-Year Plan proposes further logging for this drainage.

Seems that the USFS should get their heads out of the sand and realize that continued logging in this drainage is not aiding the salmon that are utilizing this system. Logging has to be perpetuating the incidence of fish kills due to the excessive large track of logged areas in the upper stream areas with no revegetative cover.

To use an excuse that someone has to prove that this is not the case is asinine. If a problem exists lets face a fact and solve it through positive action instead of waiting 10 years to prove that it was or was not the problem based on field work. In the meantime, the problem continues at the expense of our resources.

If the USFS's guide states the USFS is logging within its guidelines then the guide needs change or updated - or does the USFS staff need to be changed.

It is about time the USFS spoke to temp. sensitive streams in a more positive fashion than saying "prove it".

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