

**Comments Received at Flagstaff, AZ
Warm Fire Salvage Public Meeting
February 8, 2007 Public Meeting**

Flagstaff High School Commons

Welcome and meeting introduction

Ariel Leonard: **Presentation of Post Fire Assessment** and question/answer

Lois Pfeffer: **Presentation of overview of the Warm Fire Recovery EIS** proposed action, key issues to date (noted many unread comments with email form letters, likely have all the types of comments but need to finish reading the letters), and tentative alternatives discussed. (See slide handout, projects maps were posted for review)

Question and comment period:

Why is salvage being considered when salvage studies, such as the Beschta report, state its bad for soils? It was noted there will be adverse impacts to soils from salvage activities but mitigating to minimize impacts, in part by use of existing roads and skid trails.

Long-term fire return to system is the goal. Consider another alternative that uses fire to alter fuel continuity, without salvage. Modify continuity of fuels to get fire back into the system.

There is no clear answer for what may happen in 30-60 years. The literature on reburn and future fire severity is unclear.

What are the economic concerns versus damage from salvage and potential new roads?

What are you doing to ensure seedling survivability of planted seedlings?

The post fire assessment was not available on the website until two days before the end of the comment period. That is not adequate time for people to review it and provide comments for this project. Want comments from tonight considered.

Recommend taking seed bank core (soil) samples to verify “no seed source” in areas proposed for planting.

Would like to see post-fire fuel loadings by stand.

Would like to see the economic value of doing salvage logging. Believe it will cost more than what is gained from harvesting.

Regarding roads, there is close to 8 miles/miles² of roads on the NKR. This exceeds the Coconino NF average of around 2 miles/mile², in a more populated area. Most were overgrown and effectively not usable. How many roads do we want there?

Consider scaled-back thinning and replanting as a possible alternative along with lower road density.

Discuss the positive aspects of the no action alternative.

Other Information available: Warm Fire Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan January 2007