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Comments:

The DEIS appears to be inconsistent in its analysis, especially the analysis of the HPBH WSA. The HPBH is a designated area, yet it is treated differently than other designated areas. Plan components for other designated areas do not vary by alternative, unless they overlap with the HPBH. The HPBH is singled out for analysis of various hypothetical scenarios, as per the Alternatives, even though it is still a designated area. Moreover the HPBH was analyzed for the effects of only 4 mgmt activities, while most of the other designated areas and allocations, including DWAs, were analyzed for more mgmt activities, some more than twice as many. It appears the DEIS is incomplete.

This approach biases the Plan in favor of compromising and downsizing the HPBH. Whether this was intended or not, it is patently unfair. The planning team should have treated the HPBH like all other designated areas, and not contributed to an appearance that change for the HPBH was imminent, or given momentum to that movement. Because of this error, the Plan needs serious modification to treat the HPBH fairly. The analysis of the various hypothetical scenarios for the HPBH should be removed, and the associated maps modified. Then the HPBH should be analyzed and represented like all other designated areas.