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Dear CEQ staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to make brief comment on these issues.

Issue: Analysis paralysis - is a significant problem because the Forest Service agency and staff repeatedly are Paralyzed with a preconceived decision and resultantly unable to complete accurate or effective Analysis. NEPA itself is not the problem, but rather the focus on circumventing NEPA requirements.

Issue: D. Adaptive management monitoring. Is ripe for abuse. IF baseline monitoring is in place, a monitored adaptive change could be effective. A common problem is that there IS NO baseline monitoring and the Forest Service proposes to continue or increase activities. For example, there are current concerns in my local area from residents, environmental groups and USFWS, about increasing and unmanaged snowmobiles and heli-skiing in the national forest backcountry, T&E issues, wetland issues, many more. The Forest Service does not have necessary monitoring information but proposes to simply continue use increases. An adaptive management proposal in this situation would be out of place. Baseline monitoring needs to be completed first, prior to any adaptive management increases.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make brief comment on this proposal for change to NEPA.

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