

Public Comment for SEPA DNS 22-009 Colockum Restoration Thin Phase 1 (via PublicInput)

As someone who frequents Colockum, I strongly support this. I would prefer to see prescribed burns used, but perhaps thinning is more realistically going to happen in a timely manner.

I'd like to see the cutting happen and the roads decommissioned before fall hunting seasons.

Warren Jackson

WDFW Response (via email):

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Thank you for your comments. We are glad that you support are planned forest restoration thinning. Like you, we prefer prescribed burning but the excessive fuel accumulations on the site require that we thin first before we can safely conduct prescribed burns. We hope to conduct prescribed burns in at least some of the subject areas a few years after thinning.

We understand your desire for us to avoid tree harvesting and road work during the fall hunting season. We do our best to avoid cutting and road work during the busiest hunting seasons. I can't promise, however, that we will be able to avoid them. Confounding variables like mandatory wildfire risk mitigation measures (forced shutdowns) and other complicating factors sometimes prevent us from following preferred schedules.

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