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Good morning all...

I really apologize for not documenting this note sooner. I'm afraid I don't have any excuses, but we'll try to make amends now.

David Mildrexler pointed out in our appeals resolution meeting that there appeared to be some confusing information related to a statement in our response to comments from Appendix, Page K-79. It states **"But since the South George planning area does not contain any fire regime IV (page 3-80 in DEIS),"** if you refer to page 3-80 of the DEIS there is displayed Table 3-47 Acres by Condition Class in South George Project Planning Area, not a table for fire regimes.

Table 3-47 only describes three conditions classes, and we believe that in transferring information and responding to draft comments, the statement and citation listed in the response to comments got turned around slightly and that resulted in the mistake. Table 3-45 of the DEIS on page 3-78 does verify that there are 1,900 acres of fire regime IV present in South George project planning area. All information documented prior to and after the previously mentioned bold highlighted text on page K-79 of the response to comment is still correct. We have also done a search across the entire FEIS and Appendixes to see if the same statement was made in error. We have not located any other occurrences. We apologize for that error.

That being said, I do not believe this small notation error had any effect on the over-all cumulative effects analysis for South George Vegetation and Fuels Management Project, or any of the alternatives, nor would it have any effect or result in any change to my original decision.

I again appreciate all of you participating in our appeals resolution meeting and hope to work more with you in the future.

One other item that could be of interest to you all, is that after a separate appeals resolution meeting with Steve Pozzanghera and his staff from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), it appears we have reached some agreement on the timing of a road closure on Forest Development Road 4302. This is currently being documented and WDFW has agreed to withdraw its appeal.

Thank you again for all your interest in managing our National Forest System Lands.

/s/ Monte Fujishin

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