

NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN
Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

April 16 – 18, 2024 | Weaverville, CA

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 16

TIME	TOPIC
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
9:20 a.m.	Public Comments
10:30 a.m.	Formalizing Recommendations – Process Review
10:50 a.m.	Discussion and Approve Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Economic Opportunities and Sustainable Communities• Increase Focus on Fire Resiliency• Anticipate Climate-Driven Shifts and Maintain Ecosystem Integrity
12:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15 p.m.	Discussion and Approve Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Carbon Sequestration and Storage• Consider Climate Change Effects on Recreation• Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Trust Responsibilities
3:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks/Next Day Lookahead
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn

OUR GOAL THIS WEEK

FAC to finalize recommendations to the Forest Service to inform the NWFP amendment draft
Proposed Action

PROCESS REVIEW
Developing Recommendations

FAC PROCESS REVIEW



IDENTIFY ISSUES

Explore what needs to change across a broad range of topics (Biodiversity, Climate, Communities, Fire, Old Growth, Tribal Inclusion)

DEVELOP IDEAS AND OPTIONS

Characterize possible ideas and options to inform draft recommendations and plan components

REVIEW IDEAS AND OPTIONS

Begin to affirm areas of Committee agreement for draft recommendations

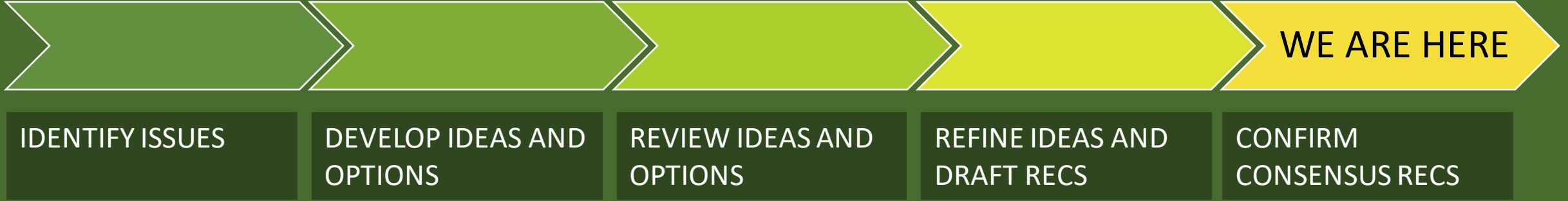
REFINE IDEAS AND DRAFT RECS

Revisit ideas and options that do not have Committee agreement; refine draft recs where agreement was identified

CONFIRM RECS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

Share all amendment recommendations and confirm Committee consensus for final recommendations

FAC PROCESS REVIEW



- Summary of all ideas and options developed by subcommittees.

NWFP FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Subcommittees Ideas and Options Summary

Working ideas for discussion January-February 2024

The following ideas and options were developed through NWFP Federal Advisory Committee subcommittee discussions. The information provided in this document is for discussion only and does not reflect consensus ideas and recommendations of the Committee. This document may not be comprehensive and is intended to aid discussions at the January-February 2024 NWFP Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

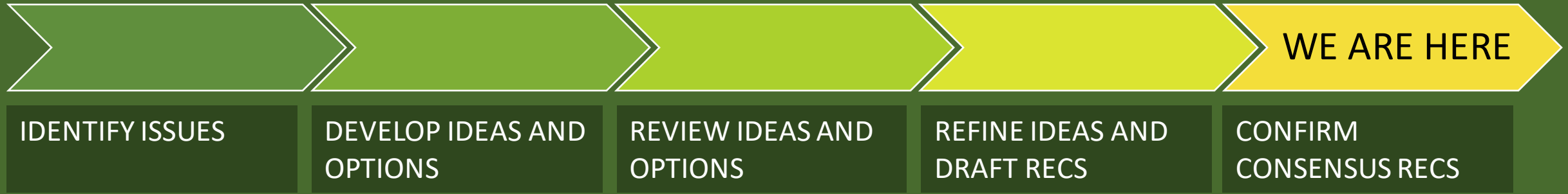
SUBCOMMITTEE
 Biodiversity
 Climate
 Communities
 Fire Resilience
 Old Growth
 Tribal Inclusion

SUBCOMMITTEE IDEAS AND OPTIONS	DETAILS PAGE	CROSSCUTS WITH					
<p><u>Barred Owl Removal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide management direction for the USFS, in cooperation with USFWS and partners and in consultation with Tribes, to develop and implement aggressive barred owl management strategies and programs and monitoring, including lethal removal of barred owls from critical northern spotted owl habitats. Emphasize aggressive barred owl management in riparian habitats, as well as northern spotted owl areas. Conduct research to determine if barred owls may be dramatically reducing the effectiveness of riparian buffers as habitat for native biota, including amphibians, crustaceans, and fish. 	15					●	●
<p><u>Beaver Restoration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct USFS staff to work proactively with tribes and other partners to identify suitable beaver and BDA restoration sites on national forest lands and facilitate beaver and BDA restoration projects in suitable locations, including re-location of unwanted beavers from private lands to suitable national forest lands. Purposes of beaver and BDA restoration activities include adapting to climate change adaptation, reducing wildfire risk, improving wildlife habitat diversity, and supporting tribal treaty rights, as well as complementing the ACS objectives. Adopt a Desired Condition that recognizes the important ecological role of beavers and encourages beaver restoration. Adopt a Guideline to give preferential consideration to non-lethal methods to control beavers that are threatening infrastructure. 	16						●

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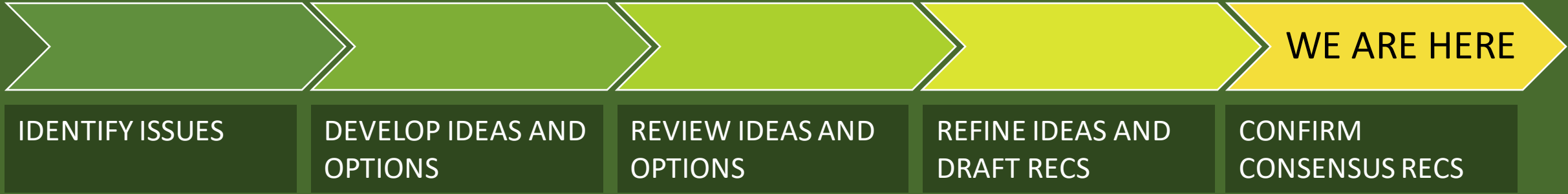
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FAC PROCESS REVIEW



- During the January meeting in Eugene, the Committee reviewed all proposed ideas and options from the subcommittees.

FAC PROCESS REVIEW



NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT
DRAFT Federal Advisory Committee Recommendations to the U.S. Forest Service

WORKING DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION AT APRIL 16-18, 2024 FAC MEETING

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DRAFT

Meeting, project design, and implementation and meeting the

it conditions and habitat for species that depend on old growth

lands

upport Tribal access, biodiversity, co-stewardship, fire, First

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Forest Service education into the Northwest Forest Plan. The

to incorporate all plan components provided by the Committee.

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rest. Proposed practices and management activities support

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collaborative projects in ways that are non-extractive, with

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to culturally significant species used for food, fiber, medicinal,

pooses) and ensure they are accessible to tribal members.

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he needs of coordination, be it structurally, technically, and

to support youth engagement programs to cultivate the next

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is to ensure unregulated Forest access by tribal members for

ionships with relevant and interested Tribes and develops a

needs of those Tribes. The focus of the consultation process

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1-22 interested Tribes to recruit and engage workforce professionals trained as natural resource stewards grounded in culture and tradition to protect the Forest through innovative programs, inclusive leadership, and advancing technology supported by relevant Tribes.

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and norms to consult and communicate with

bal historic preservation officers, traditional

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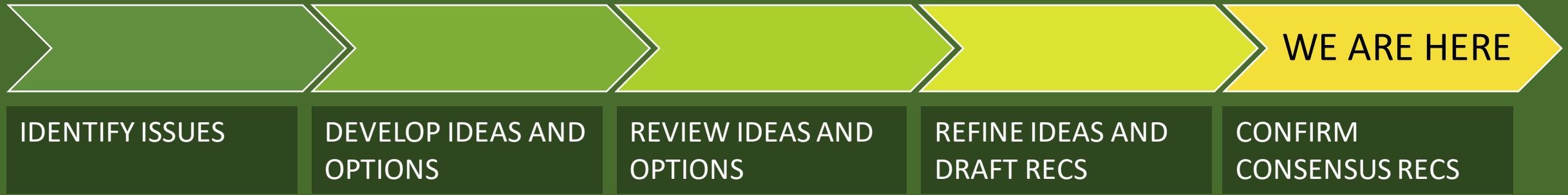
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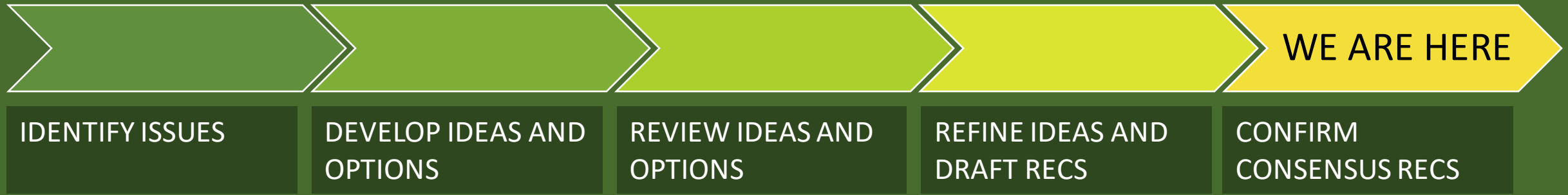
- The Committee met weekly since early February to discuss ideas and develop draft recommendations language.
- Recently completed “temperature check surveys”.

FAC PROCESS REVIEW



- At this meeting, the Committee will review all refined draft recommendations, confirming which have consensus support from the Committee.

FAC PROCESS REVIEW



- As prep work, the Committee completed 11 temperature check surveys to indicate initial level of support for draft recommendations.

FAC PROCESS REVIEW

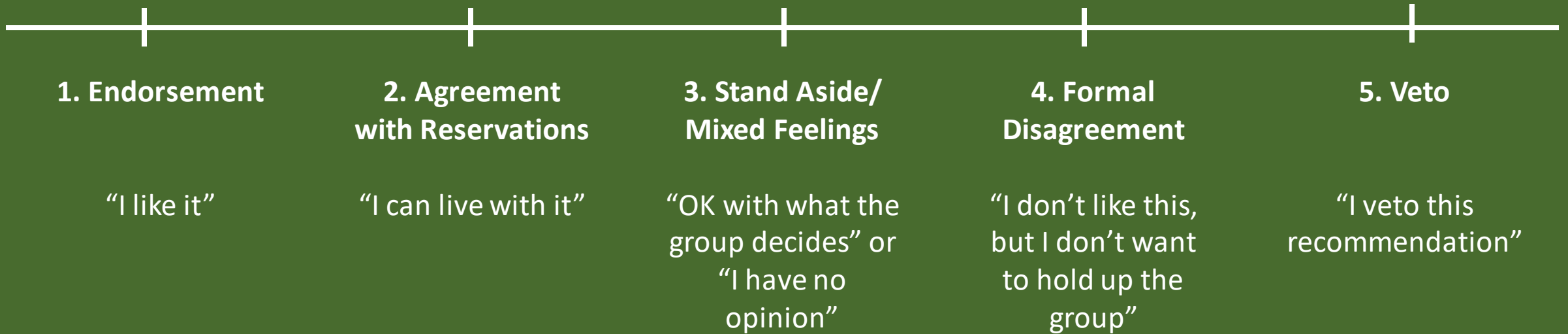
Suite of Draft Recommendations for:

- Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Tribal Treaty, Reserved and Other Similar Tribal Rights, and Trust Responsibilities
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FINALIZING RECOMMENDATIONS

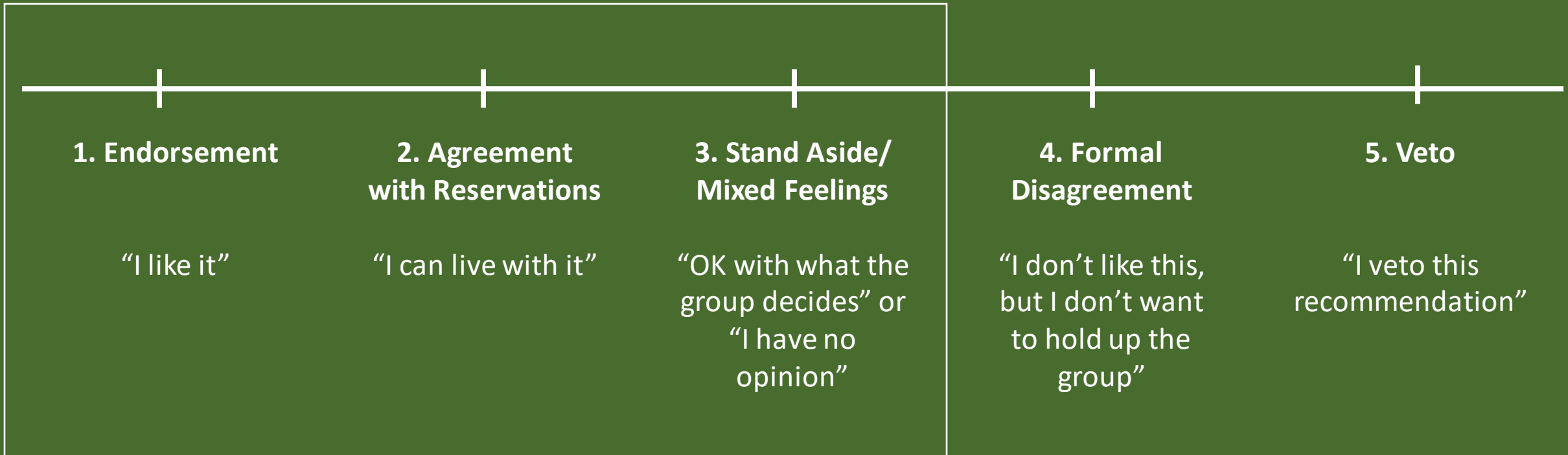
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INDICATING LEVEL OF SUPPORT



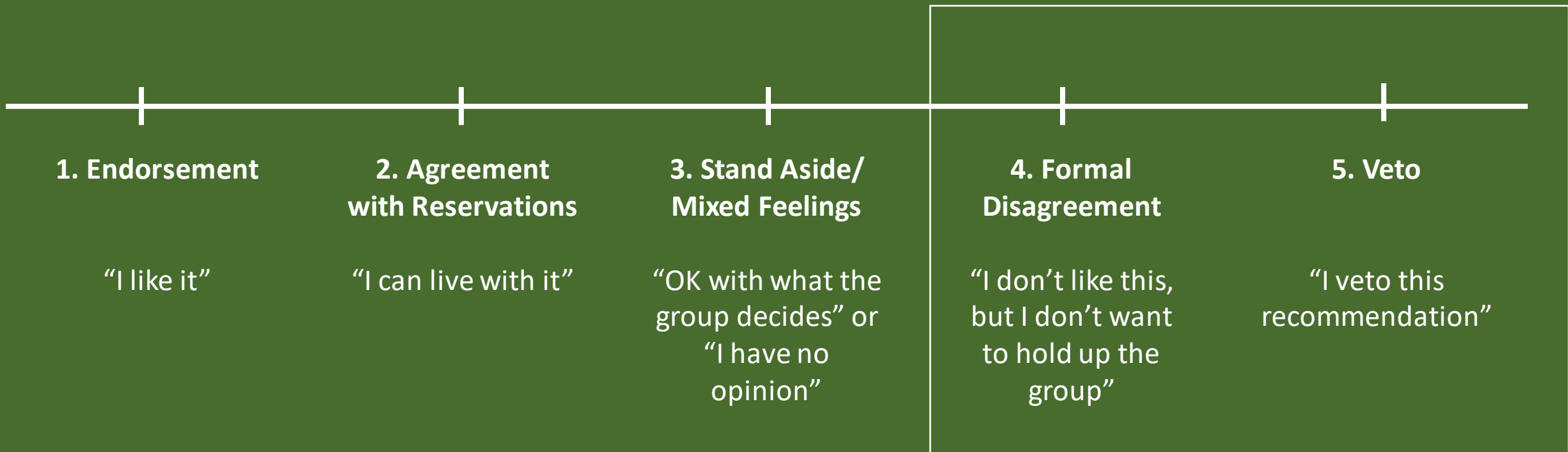
INDICATING LEVEL OF SUPPORT

Striving for strong support, which means the majority of the Committee indicates Endorsement or Agree with Reservations.



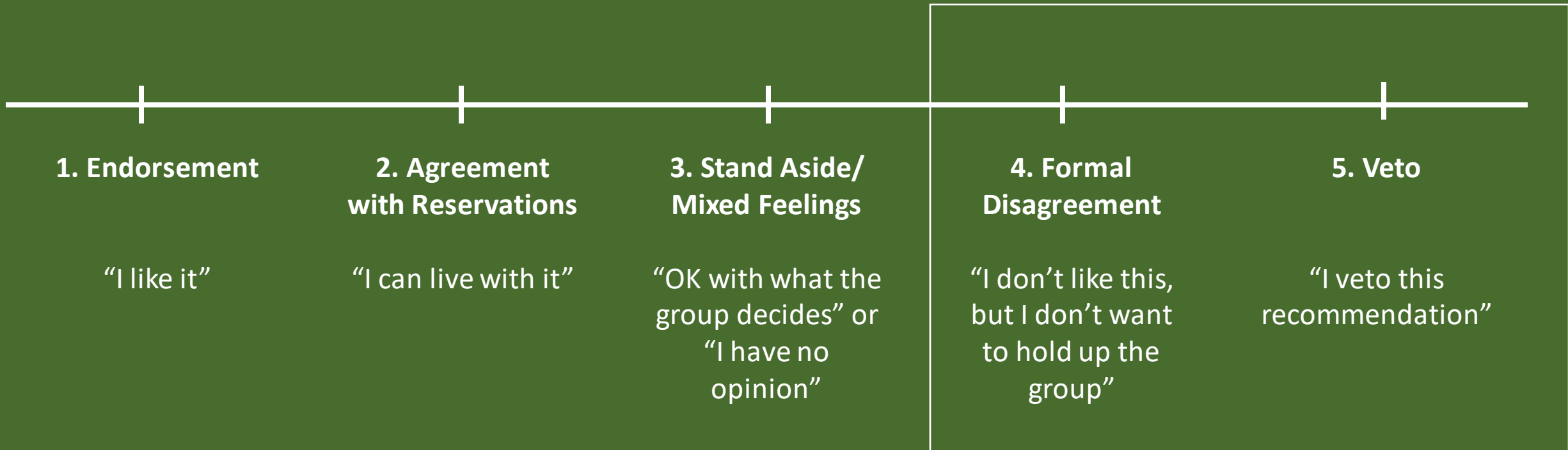
INDICATING LEVEL OF SUPPORT

A recommendation is not supported if 3 or more people vote “Formal Disagreement” or if 1 or more people vote “Veto” – this will remove the recommendation.



INDICATING LEVEL OF SUPPORT

Any Formal Disagreement will be recorded and provided with the set of recommendations.



HOW WE WILL FLOW THROUGH VOTING

We will be using two voting methods

1. Non binding temperature check using survey results and in-person ‘hold up fingers’. This is to help guide us to a binding vote.
2. Binding Vote: Confirm Supported or Not Supported.

The FAC will:

1. Review the Survey Results.
2. Use ‘Show of Hands’ to determine if we are ready to move to a binding vote.
3. Hold a Binding Vote which will either include or remove a recommendation from the Report.

We will review this again as we review the survey results.

*Refer to the handout
‘Voting Process’

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Per the Operating Procedures (p2):
Collaborative problem-solving is most successful when deliberation results in three conditions: (1) parties agree that their major interests have been considered meaningfully, (2) participants have made every effort to address all parties' interests in any final recommendations or advice, and (3) that the final recommendations or advice accurately characterize both areas of agreement and any remaining differences. Facilitators will use a non-binding straw poll to ascertain the level of support for a proposal. If a committee member has reservations about a specific recommendation, s/he should create and put forward an alternative that the whole committee can support. Consensus is achieved when, after careful deliberation, committee members unanimously agree to a make a recommendation.

Committee recommendations and advice will be built by those who are in attendance. The principle is "stay or pass." All decisions made in committee sessions are considered final unless significant new information surfaces requiring reconsideration.

If the committee does not reach a consensus, the facilitators will use the deliberations to document points of, and reasons for, agreement and disagreement. Facilitators will revisit undecided or unresolved issues one final time before concluding.

Temperature Check Voting

YES Supported	NO Not Supported
1 = Endorsement	4 = Formal Disagreement (1*)
2 = Agreement with Reservations	5 = Veto (1*)
3 = Stand Aside/Mixed Feelings	
4 = Formal Disagreement (2) (Disagreement will be noted in report)	

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The Survey Results

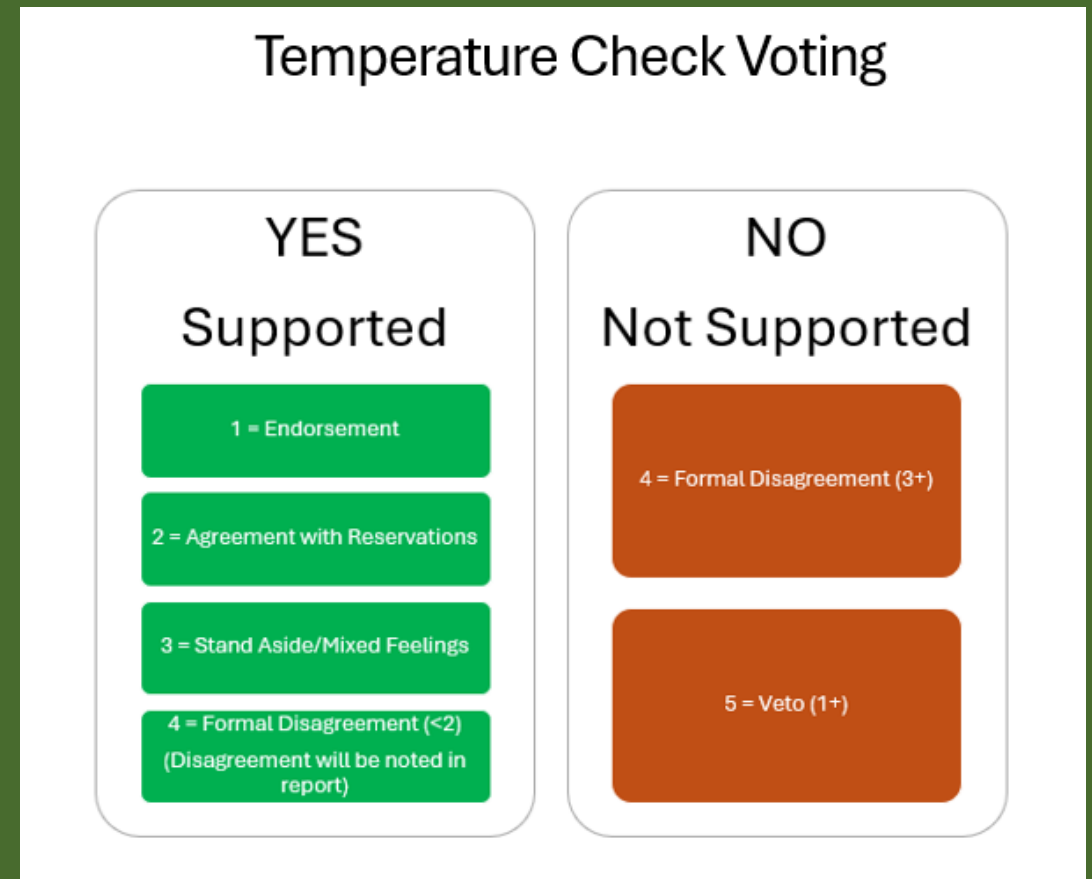
Survey Results are collated into two categories:

SUPPORTED or **UNSUPPORTED**

This will allow the FAC to:

1. Take a binding vote on the Supported Recs more easily.
2. Focus our time on the Not Supported Recs and discuss & rework the recs before moving to a binding vote.

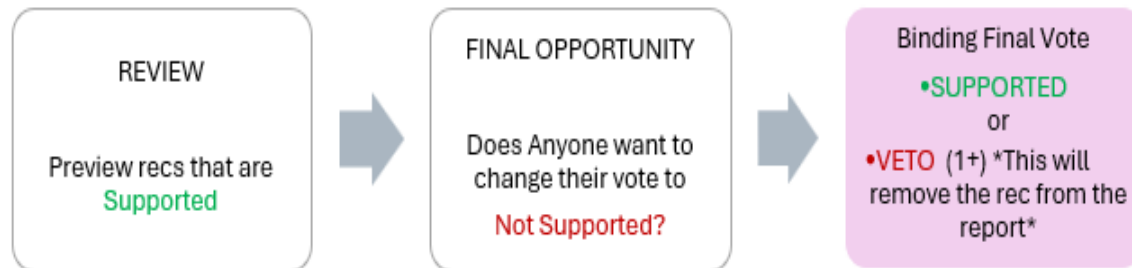
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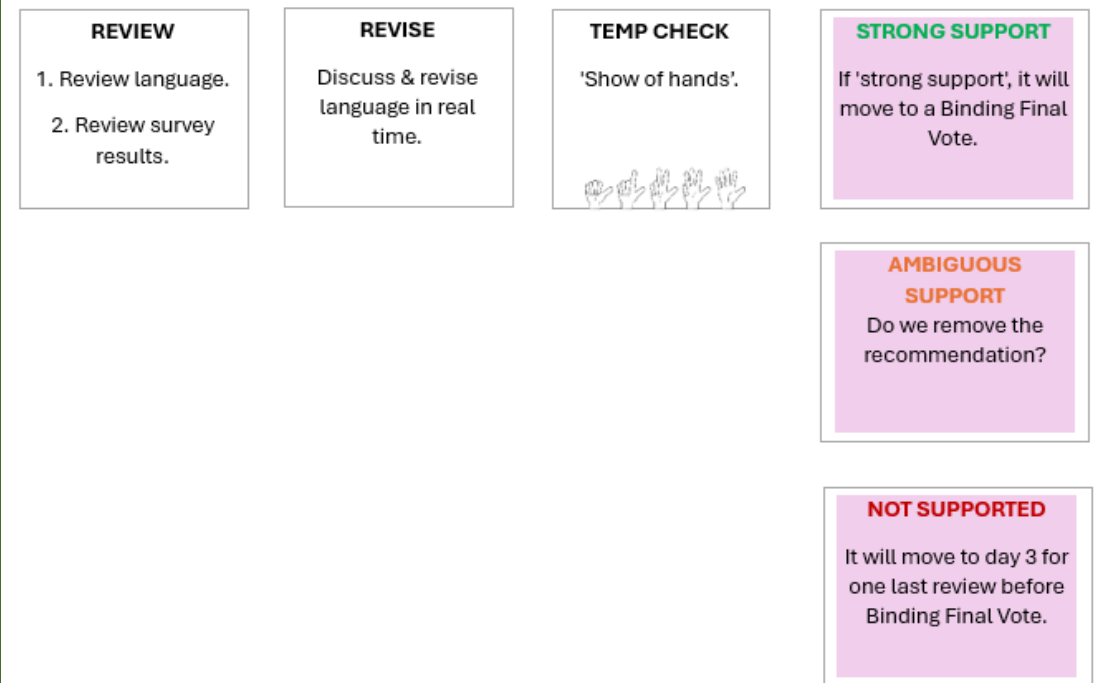
The Binding Vote Process

We will review this again as we review each of the survey results

Binding Vote Process SUPPORTED



Binding Vote Process NOT SUPPORTED



DISCUSSION & RECOMENDATION APPROVAL

Day 1

FOCUS FOR TODAY

- Support Economic Opportunities & Sustainable Communities
- Increase Focus on Fire Resiliency
- Support Carbon Sequestration & Storage

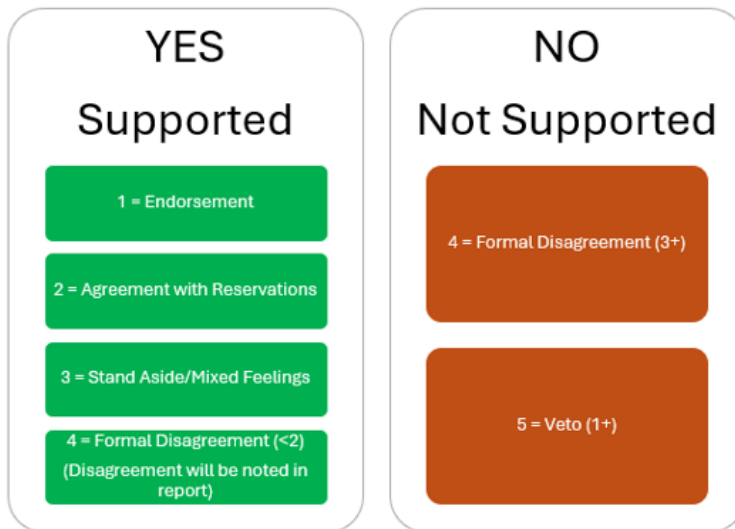
Section 2

Support Economic Opportunities &
Sustainable Communities



Support Economic Opportunities & Sustainable Communities

Temperature Check Voting



✓ 16 Respondents

9 Recommendations

7 SUPPORTED

2 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

0 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



SUPPORTED

✓ 2-1

✓ 2-2

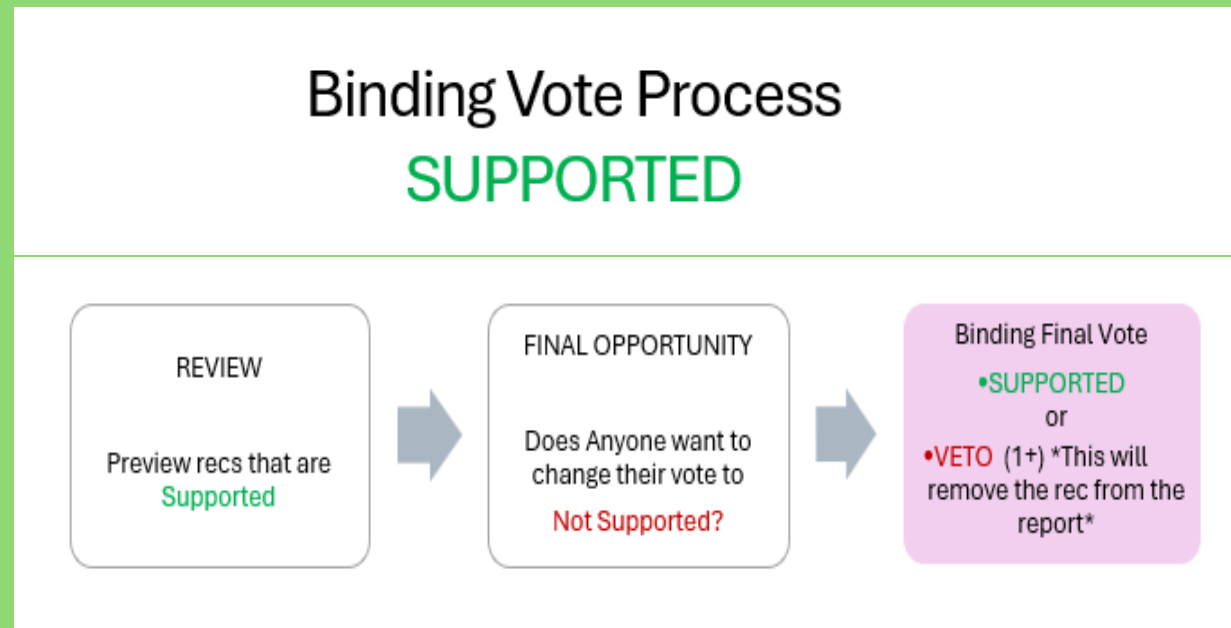
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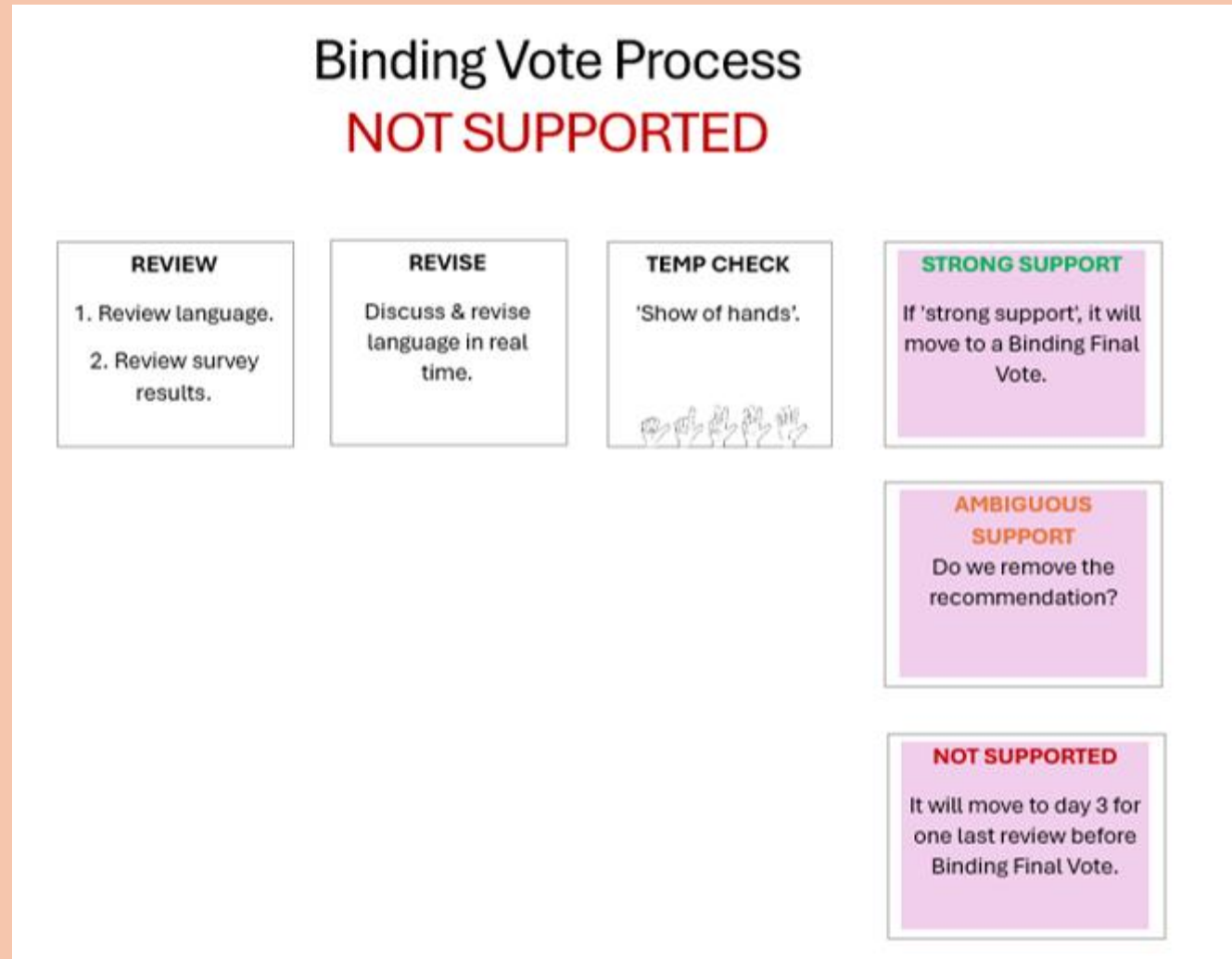




NOT SUPPORTED

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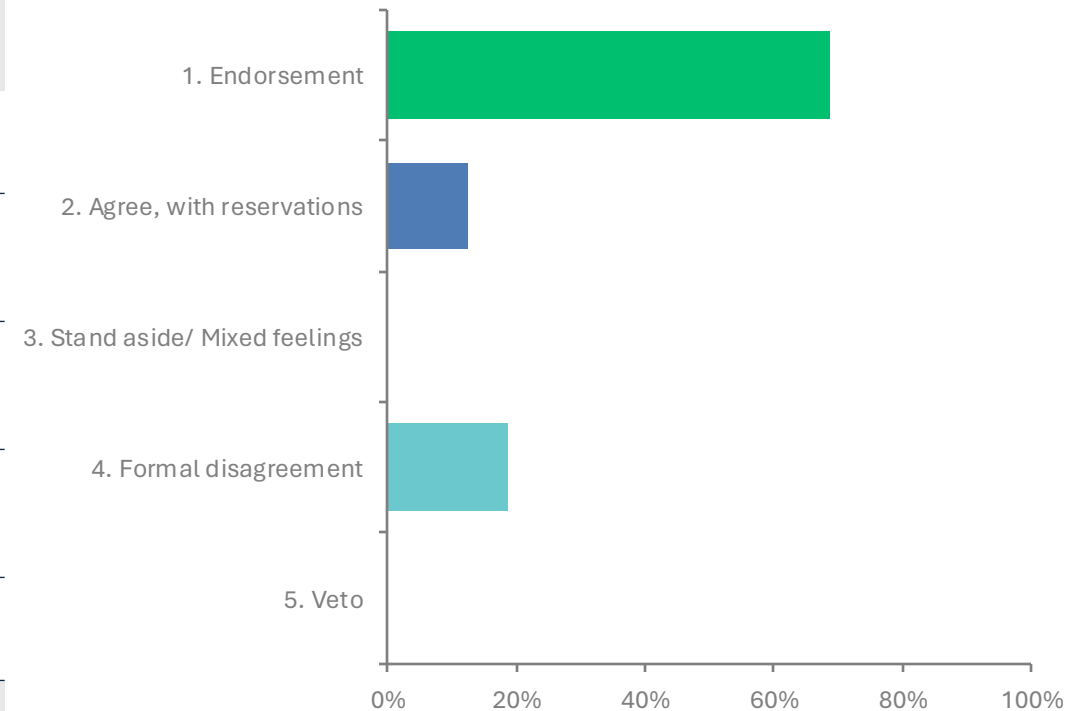
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2-4 DC: Local service and stewardship contracting and/or cooperative agreements represent a steady to expanding percentage of non-staff spending on public lands stewardship.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	68.75%	11
2. Agree, with reservations	12.50%	2
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	18.75%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





2-4 DC: Local service and stewardship contracting and/or cooperative agreements represent a steady to expanding percentage of non-staff spending on public lands stewardship.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. I'm not sure I understand this one, is this in lieu of traditional contracting services? I agree that we should invest in the forest but I'm not sure that we have the FP dictate contracting.
2. I don't understand this recommendation.
3. I don't understand the rec, or what "expanding percentage of non-staff spending on public lands stewardship" means. This just made need further clarification.

Proposed alternative recommendation language:

1. The FS continues to utilize funding to invest in landscapes in the national forest through reinvestment from timber sales, stewardship contracting, or partner investments.
2. The Forest Service should proactively work with local partners, and utilize all contracting mechanisms, to maximize limited Federal resources and agency staff capacity to deliver the largest on-the-ground impact as possible.

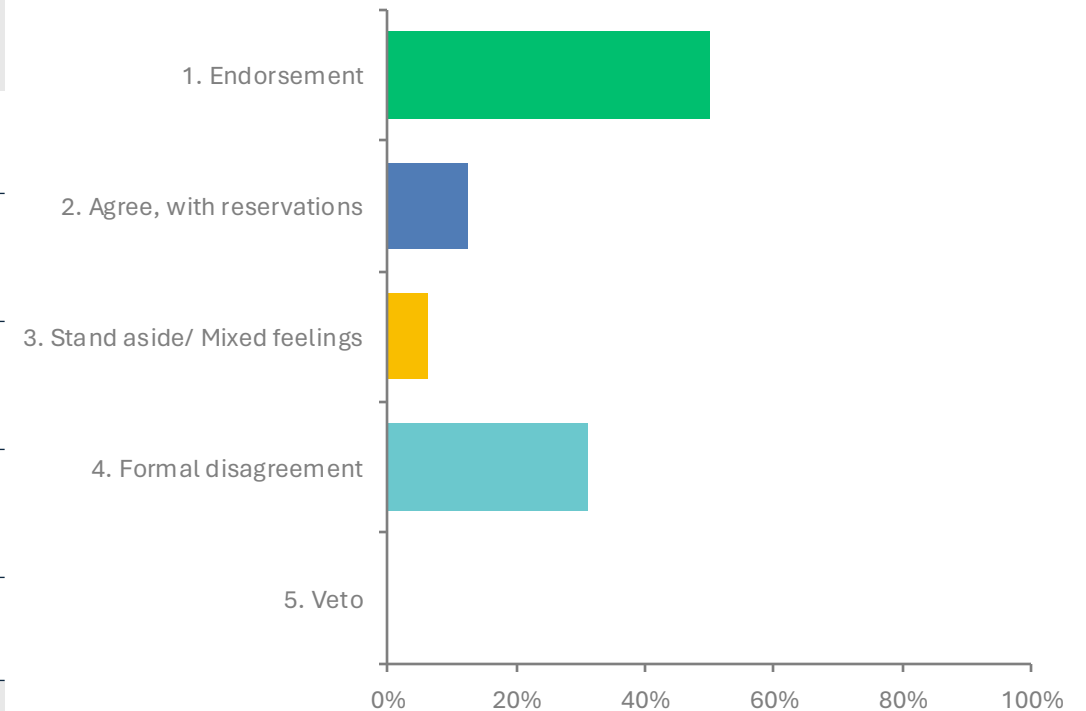
Agreed upon language (workshopping):

Local service and stewardship contracting and/or cooperative agreements represent a steady to expanding percentage of non-staff spending on public lands stewardship. With the to reinvest funds to the local community and to the local Forest, in a way that measurable and provides accountability.



2-5 OBJ: Every five years, the Forest will monitor socioeconomic conditions in local communities and infrastructure to better understand trends and opportunities to foster economic development supported by the National Forest System.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	50.0%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	12.50%	2
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	6.25%	1
4. Formal disagreement	31.25%	5
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





2-5 OBJ: Every five years, the Forest will monitor socioeconomic conditions in local communities and infrastructure to better understand trends and opportunities to foster economic development supported by the National Forest System.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (5)

1. Cycle of monitoring
2. Sometimes, they need to monitor trends but also, the FS needs to continually review their efforts to ensure they are meeting the needs of the local community not building the field of dreams.
3. I agree with the recommendation except the monitoring may be better done at the regional level. Let the FS decide how best to accomplish the monitoring.
4. I see this recommendations as a make work exercise for the Forest Service that will result in a report that sits on a shelf. So, if the socioeconomic report states a town is economically depressed due to a lack of timber harvest to support local jobs. Then what?
5. Shouldn't socioeconomic monitoring be ongoing? Why do monitoring only in every fifth year?

Propose alternative recommendation language:

1. Every ten years, the Forest will monitor socioeconomic conditions in local communities and infrastructure to better understand trends and opportunities to foster economic development supported by the National Forest System.
2. OBJ: Every five years, the Forest will monitor socioeconomic conditions in local communities and infrastructure to better understand how they can foster economic development supported by the National Forest System.
3. Every five years, the Forest Service.....
4. Recommend 2-5 is deleted.



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Agreed upon language:



SUPPORTED

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✓ 2-2

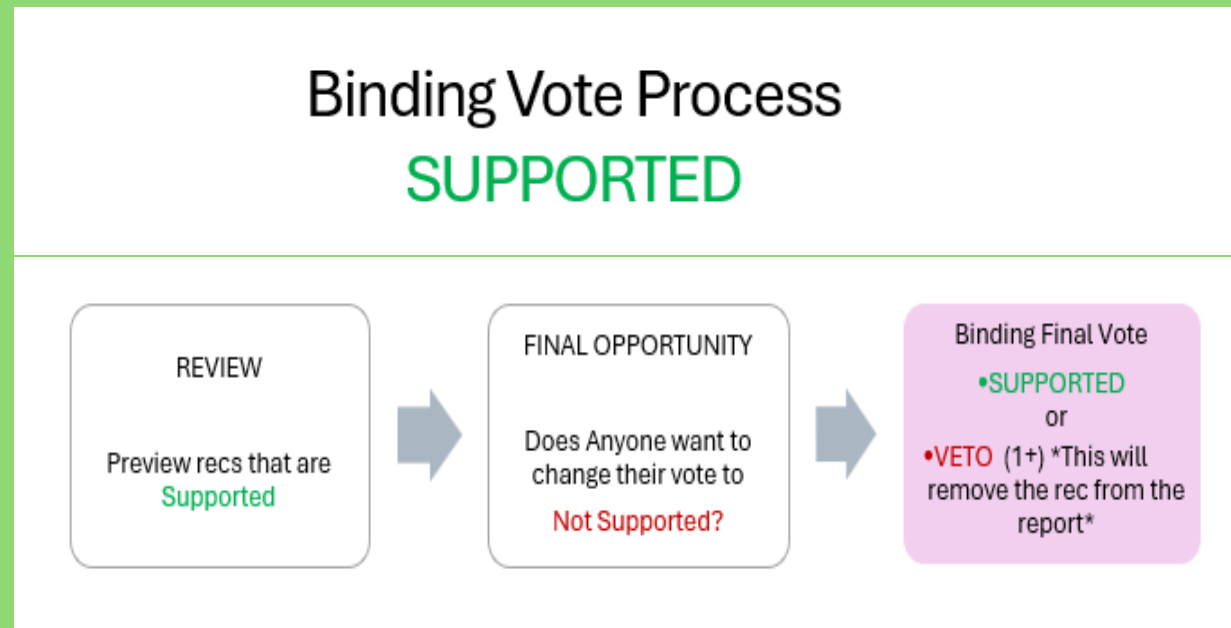
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✓ 2-9



Minor line edits, then confirm vote

Section 3

Increase Focus on Fire Resiliency



Increase Focus on Fire Resiliency Overview

Temperature Check Voting

YES	NO
Supported	Not Supported
1 = Endorsement	4 = Formal Disagreement (3+)
2 = Agreement with Reservations	
3 = Stand Aside/Mixed Feelings	
4 = Formal Disagreement (<2) (Disagreement will be noted in report)	5 = Veto (1+)

✓ 17 Respondents

19 Recommendations

16 SUPPORTED

0 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

3 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



SUPPORTED

✓ 3-1

✓ 3-2

✓ 3-3

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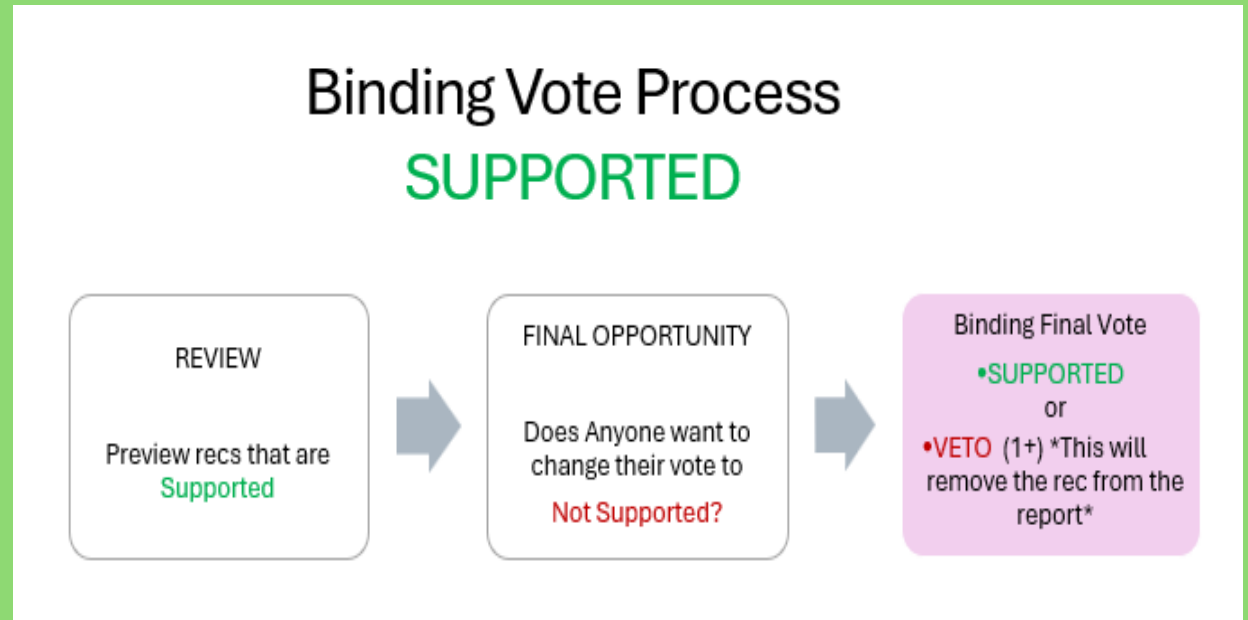
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✓ 3-17

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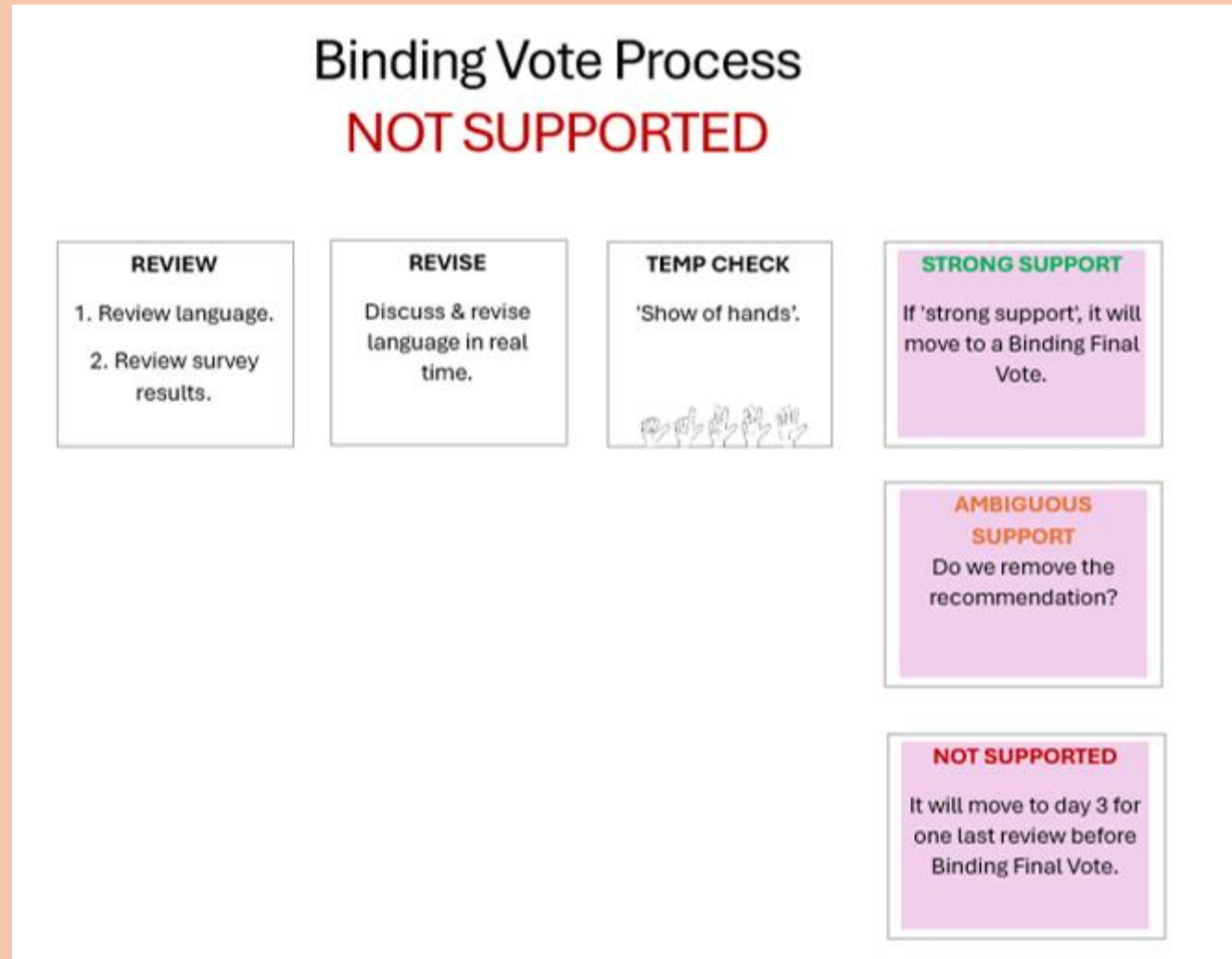
✓ 3-19





NOT SUPPORTED

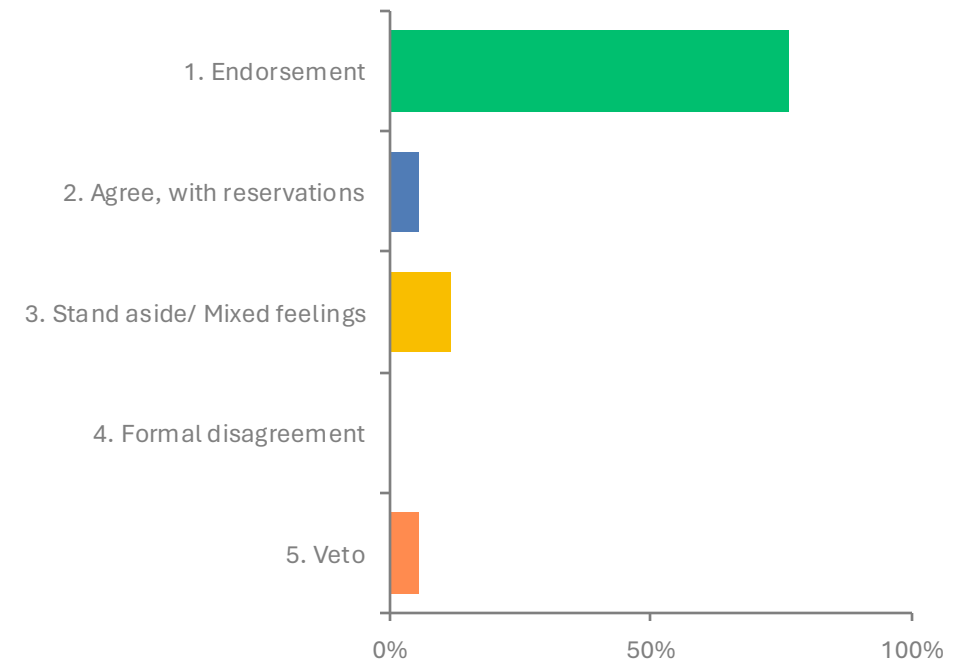
- ❑ 3-11 (veto)
- ❑ 3-12 (veto)
- ❑ 3-16 (veto)





3-11 GDL/MA: National Forests in the NWFP area should generate partnership agreements that allow college and university fire programs to engage in prescribed fire work and training on National Forest lands, providing mutually beneficial outcomes of increasing the pace and scale of wildfire resilience treatment, and engaging youth in land stewardship career pathways.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	76.47%	13
2. Agree, with reservations	5.88%	1
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





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Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

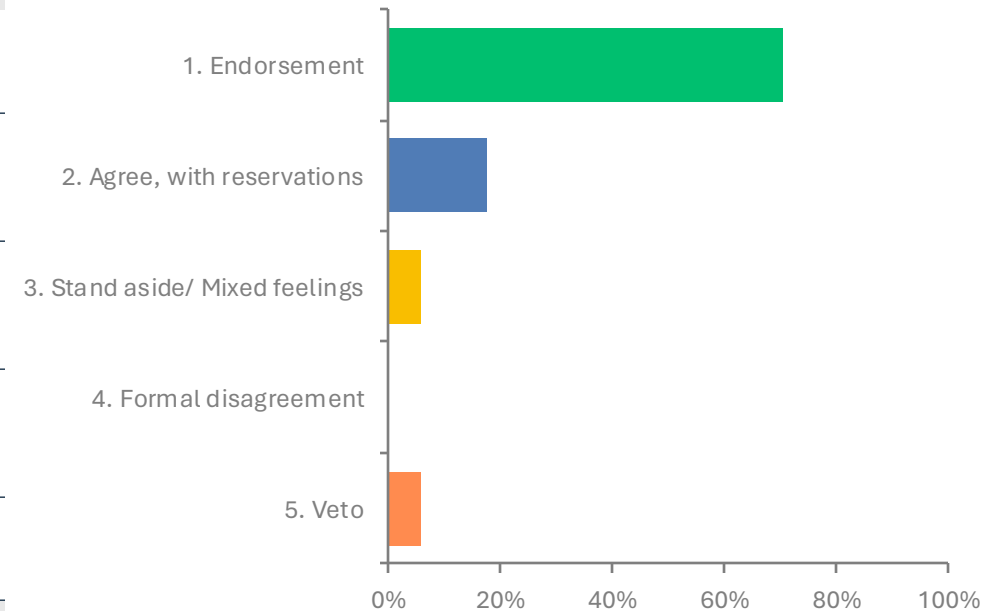
1. Partnerships should expand beyond the college/university level (e.g. technical schools, high schools, community outreach program). This recommendation seems to suggest that this work can and should be carried out by folks pursuing degrees. I would strongly encourage, in addition to this recommendation but the previous recs related to the same topic, that we change "fire resilience" to "forest stewardship". Taking care of our federal lands and addressing the problems associated with the current systemic approach, and engaging the next generation, should not be limited to "fire resilience".

Agreed upon language:



3-12 GOAL: Resources, planning, infrastructure, training, and workforce development strengthen the capacity of communities to prepare for, respond to, manage, and recover from wildland fire. This includes proactive management for ecological restoration, fuels reduction, cultural burning, prescribed fire, and wildland fire. This includes recognition and inclusion of diverse perspectives such as, but not limited to, Tribal communities, timber-based economy communities, recreation communities, and biodiversity perspectives.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	70.59%	12
2. Agree, with reservations	17.65%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	5.88%	1
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





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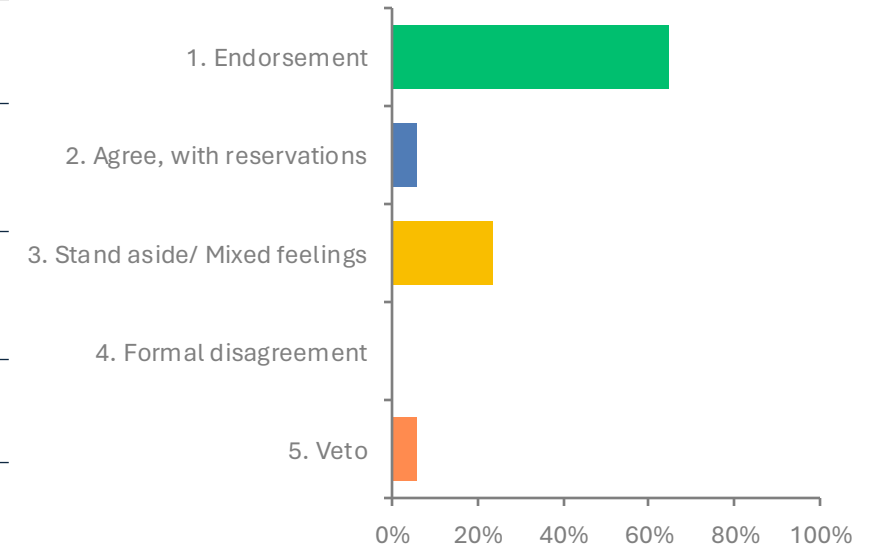
1. The outcome is one of my most important goals and priorities. But it offers no details on HOW this goal would be achieved. It doesn't talk about what Standards and Guidelines in the NWFP would need to be removed or amended. I'm supportive of the concept, but it MUST be supported by actions/directions in the NWFP itself to deliver these outcomes.

Agreed upon language:



3-16 GOAL: Establish a staff position on each National Forest to foster partnerships with colleges, K-12 education, and local organizations to create and expand comprehensive student training and experiential learning opportunities in fire (fire suppression and fuels related).

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	64.71%	11
2. Agree, with reservations	5.88%	1
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	23.53%	4
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





3-16 GOAL: Establish a staff position on each National Forest to foster partnerships with colleges, K-12 education, and local organizations to create and expand comprehensive student training and experiential learning opportunities in fire (fire suppression and fuels related).

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. Again, this is beyond the scope of the NWFP and amendment process. It seems focused on formal education, and does not include the trades. And it's limited to fire and fire suppression and not overall forest stewardship, forest health, and forest resiliency.

Agreed upon language:



SUPPORTED

✓ 3-1

✓ 3-2

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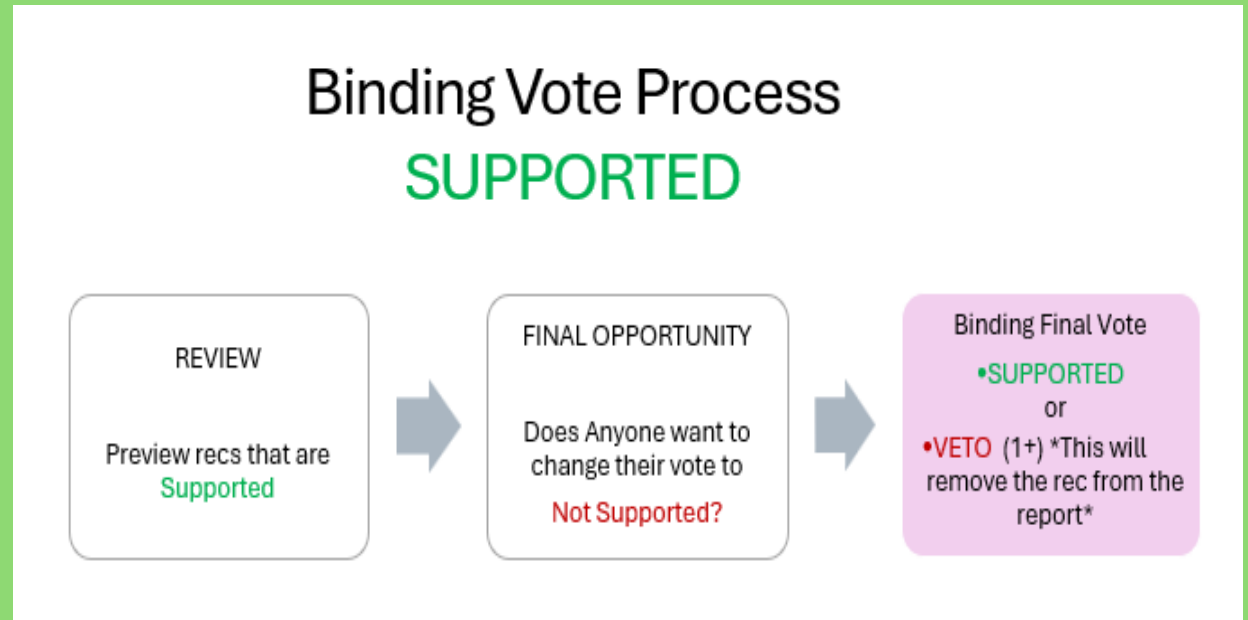
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✓ 3-19



Minor line edits, then confirm vote

Section 4

Anticipate Climate-Driven Shifts & Maintain
Ecosystem Integrity



Anticipate Climate-Driven Shifts and Maintain Ecosystem Integrity Overview

Temperature Check Voting

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2 = Agreement with Reservations	
3 = Stand Aside/Mixed Feelings	5 = Veto (1+)
4 = Formal Disagreement (<2) (Disagreement will be noted in report)	

✓ 17 Respondents

20 Recommendations

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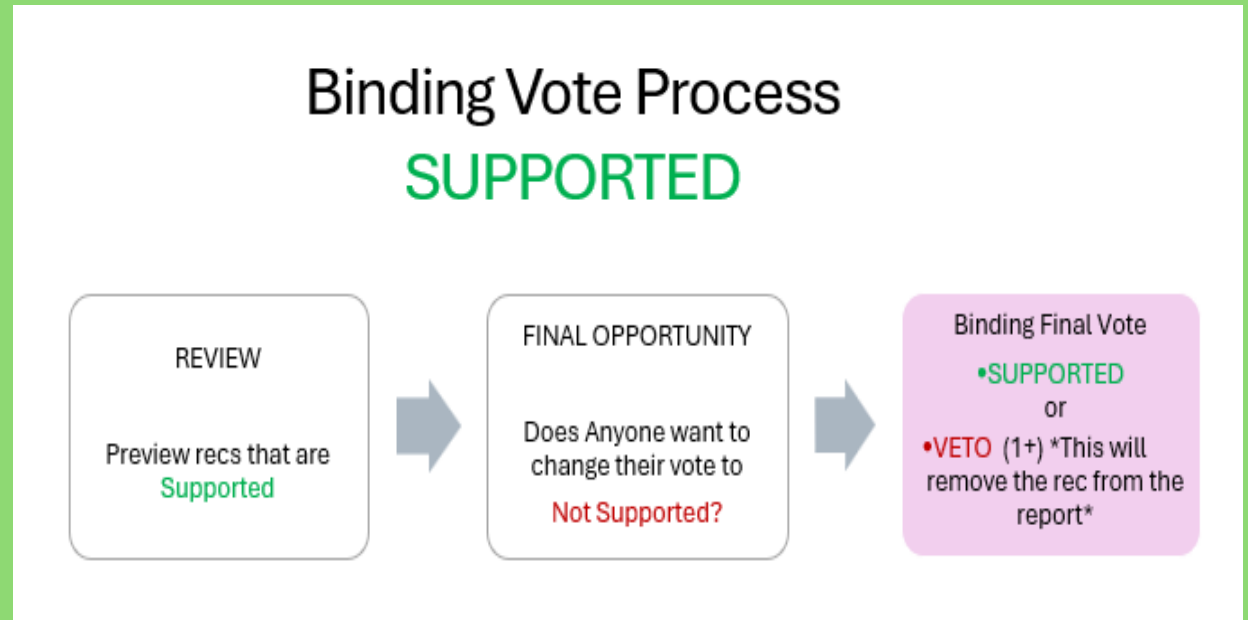
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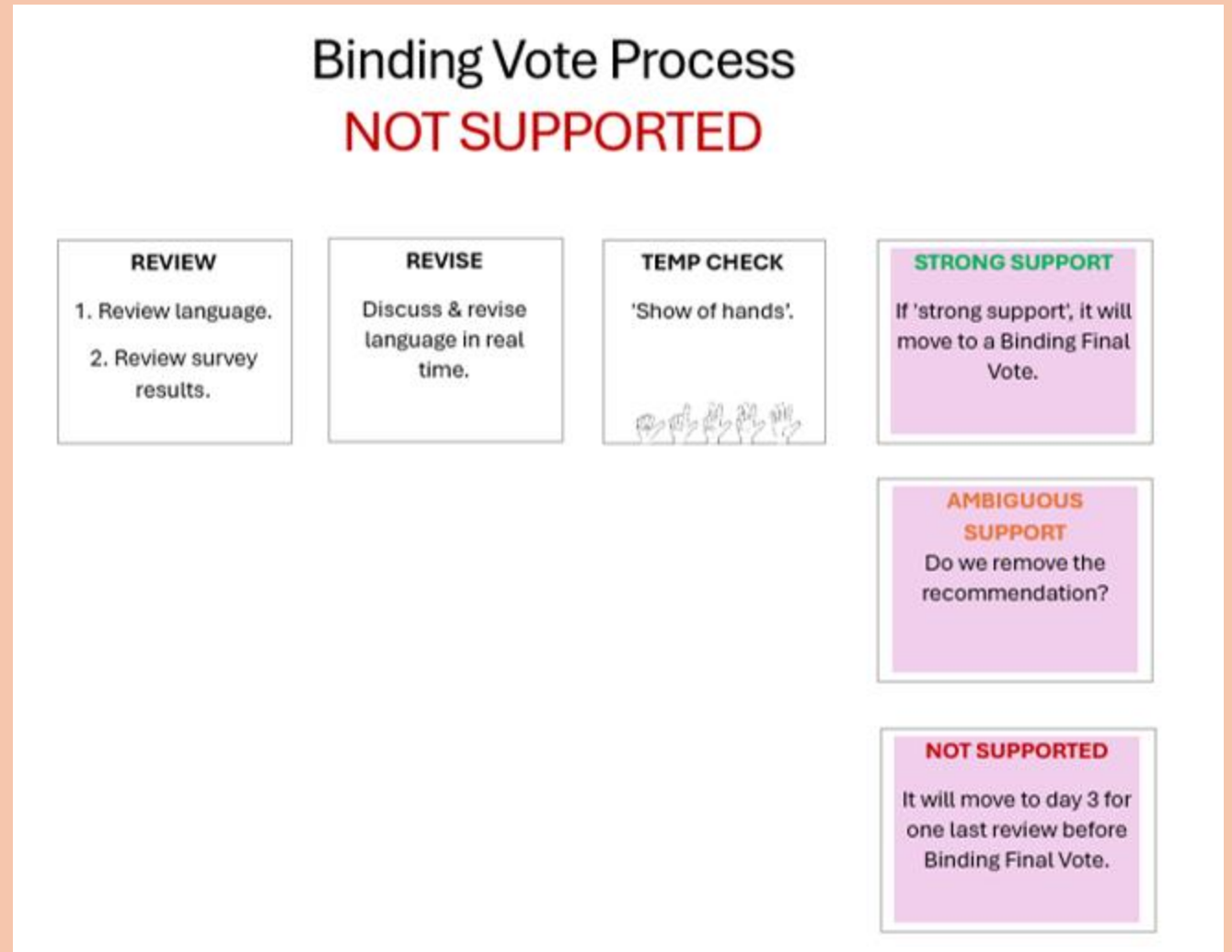
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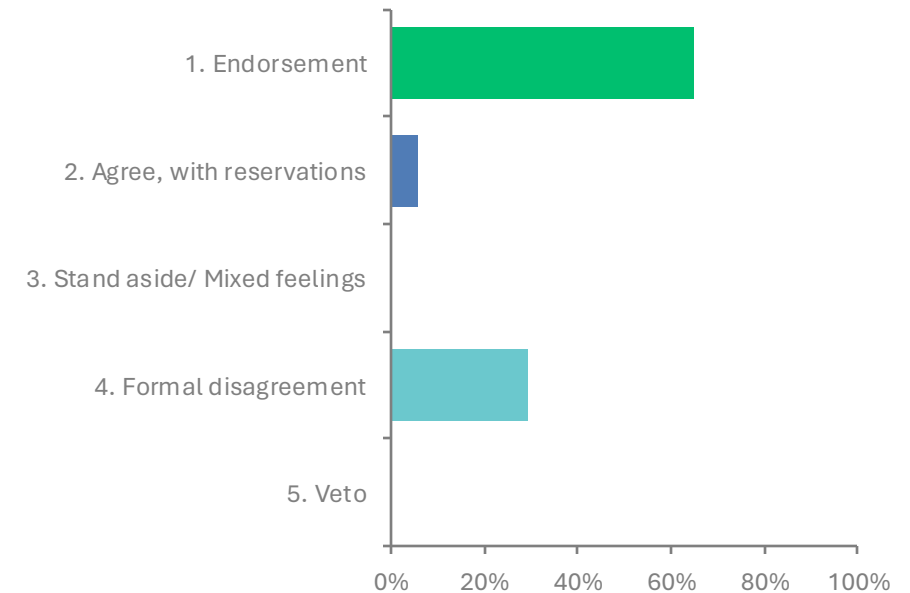
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- 4-19 (veto)
- 4-20 (veto)





4-7 DC: The landscape displays habitat connectivity and refugia for the movement of wildlife, supporting ecological integrity in a changing climate.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	64.71%	11
2. Agree, with reservations	5.88%	1
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	29.41%	5
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		17





4-7 DC: The landscape displays habitat connectivity and refugia for the movement of wildlife, supporting ecological integrity in a changing climate.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (5)

1. I think it would be helpful to break out the "refugia" component of this DC to make it clearer what we're referring to and why.
2. I disagree with connectivity, it should be landscape permeability.
3. What "landscape"? At what level? How would the FS "display" connectivity and refugia? What does this technically mean on the ground? How is it different than what the FS current does? What would need to be changed in the current S&G? What would need to be added?
4. Refugia for the movement of wildlife
5. Landscapes don't "display" connectivity. That's the wrong term. The term refugia can mean anything. The term is only relevant in context of a particular function.

Propose alternative recommendation language (5)

1. I think we need to talk more about what we mean by "refugia for the movement of wildlife" in order to create effective language. I'm in favor of including refugia concepts, but they need to be articulated more clearly.
2. The landscape displays habitat permeability and refugia for the movement of wildlife, supporting ecological integrity in a changing climate.
3. A goal of the NWFP should be - through strategic, intentional management - to increase and maintain ecological integrity and resiliency of national forest system lands in a changing climate. This recommendation acknowledges the potential short-term impacts of management for long-term gains.
4. Refugia for the movement of fish, wildlife, and native plants
5. National forests provide a wide range of high quality, well connected habitat resilient to a changing climate.



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Agreed upon language:

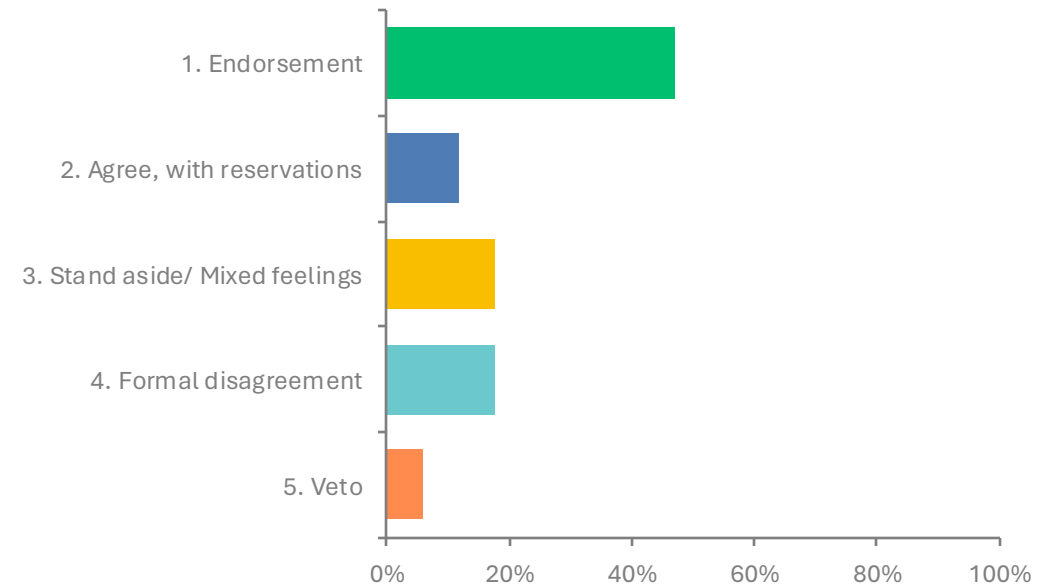
Propose alternative recommendation language (5)

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4-8 OBJ: Within eight years, develop threshold assessments for monitoring climate change stressors including but not limited to frequency, scale, and intensity of wildfire, fish and wildlife population decreases, frequency of extreme heat days, range shifts in vegetation and wildlife, prolonged elevation of average stream temperatures, and significant changes in precipitation patterns (e.g. drought and flooding). Assessments will include steps to operationalize adaptive management actions within three years if monitoring indicates a climate change stressor threshold is exceeded.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	47.06%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	11.76%	2
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	17.65%	3
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





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Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with? (3)

1. I don't disagree with the concept. I'm just not sure what is already covered by completed vulnerability assessments and existing monitoring programs. I would like to see more effort put toward implementing adaptation measures as opposed to more assessments.
2. Within eight years.
3. I don't know what a "threshold assessment for monitoring climate change stressors" means. Presumably this means there should be thresholds, and monitoring determines whether thresholds are crossed. But this isn't clear at all. I don't know what "steps to operationalize adaptive management actions" means. I don't think the Forest Service will know either. This objective implies specific actions that are poorly defined. I don't think the Forest Service knows what to do with this.

Please propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. Within eight years, develop threshold assessments, data where gaps exist,.....
2. Within five years
3. I would delete it



4-8 OBJ: Within eight years, develop threshold assessments for monitoring climate change stressors including but not limited to frequency, scale, and intensity of wildfire, fish and wildlife population decreases, frequency of extreme heat days, range shifts in vegetation and wildlife, prolonged elevation of average stream temperatures, and significant changes in precipitation patterns (e.g. drought and flooding). Assessments will include steps to operationalize adaptive management actions within three years if monitoring indicates a climate change stressor threshold is exceeded.

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

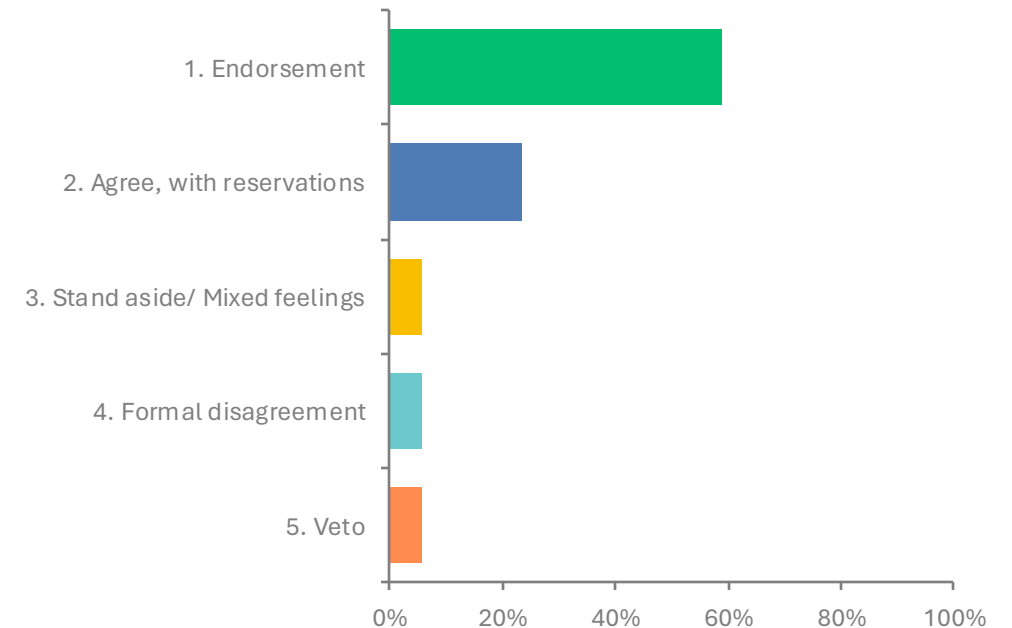
1. Not all of the listed stressors are climate change driven or can be tied to climate change factors exclusively. I'm for monitoring and adaptive management. But this recommendation needs to be structured differently.

Agreed upon language:



4-11 GDL: Silviculture treatments and other stand-scale management activities should actively consider climate change effects and include adaptation measures.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	58.83%	10
2. Agree, with reservations	23.53%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	5.88%	1
4. Formal disagreement	5.88%	1
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





4-11 GDL: Silviculture treatments and other stand-scale management activities should actively consider climate change effects and include adaptation measures.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

1. I'm concerned about the implementation of this, what type of effects can be handled at the stand scale and what sorts of adaptation measures are we talking about? I need more information on what this looks like for implementation and what triggers are.
2. COMMENT ONLY (SUPPORTED) stand-scale management activities

Propose alternative recommendation language (2):

1. I need more information on what this looks like for implementation and what triggers are.
2. COMMENT ONLY (SUPPORTED) stand-scale management activities (e.g. shrub removal)

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

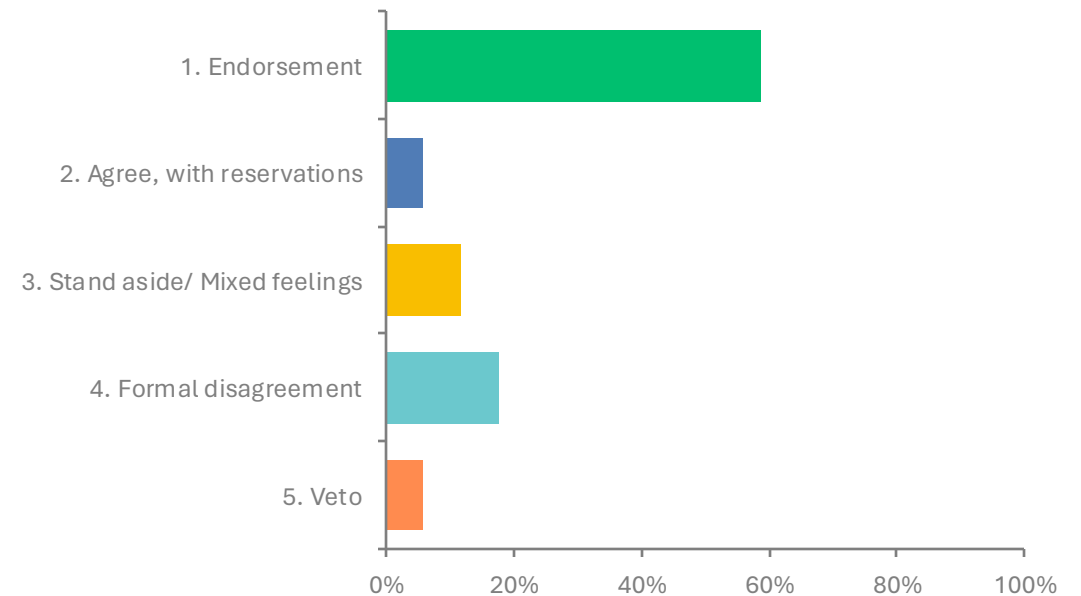
1. I don't know what it means. What does "actively consider climate change effects" mean and require of the FS?

Agreed upon language:



4-19 MA: Ensure that site specific projects evaluate road densities and take action to reduce road densities consistent with mitigating risks of large hydrologic events and associated potential for erosion, mass wasting, etc.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	58.83%	10
2. Agree, with reservations	5.88%	1
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		16





4-19 MA: Ensure that site specific projects evaluate road densities and take action to reduce road densities consistent with mitigating risks of large hydrologic events and associated potential for erosion, mass wasting, etc.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. I don't believe we have had the opportunity to discuss eliminating roads. This is public access and I believe before a recommendation is made on this it deserves more conversation with public input.
2. This information may already exist, and such an evaluation is probably more appropriate at the landscape scale.
3. Consistent with mitigating risks

Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. Ensure that site specific projects evaluate road densities. Provide options to mitigate risks of large hydrologic events and associated potential for erosion, mass wasting, etc.
2. Perhaps just change "evaluate" to consider.
3. Consistent with improving wildlife movement, biodiversity resilience, and mitigating risks

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

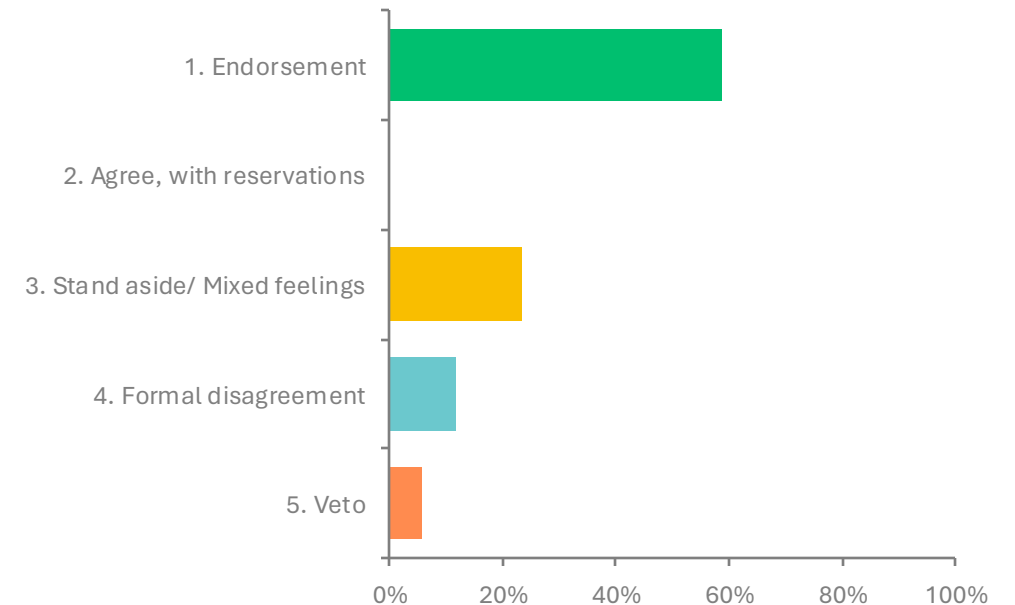
1. It adds more process and redundancy to planning. This should be done at the regional or forest level, not the project level.

Agreed upon language:



4-20 MA: Ensure that site specific projects evaluate opportunities for stream and watershed restoration including but not limited to treatment of invasive species, planting and cultivation of desired native species cover, stabilization and remediation of erosion, restoration of floodplains, and placement or recruitment of large wood over time.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	58.83%	10
2. Agree, with reservations	0%	0
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	23.53%	4
4. Formal disagreement	11.76%	2
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





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Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

1. I can live with it. Just not sure it adds anything nor what the intent is. Seems like it should depend on what the project is. If it's an aquatic restoration project, this is already being done. If it's some other type of project, it may or may not be appropriate to combine it with restoration activities.
2. restoration of floodplains, and placement

Propose alternative recommendation language (2):

1. Again, not sure this is necessary. If we keep it, perhaps change "evaluate" to consider.
2. Restoration of floodplains, improve beaver habitat conditions, and placement.

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

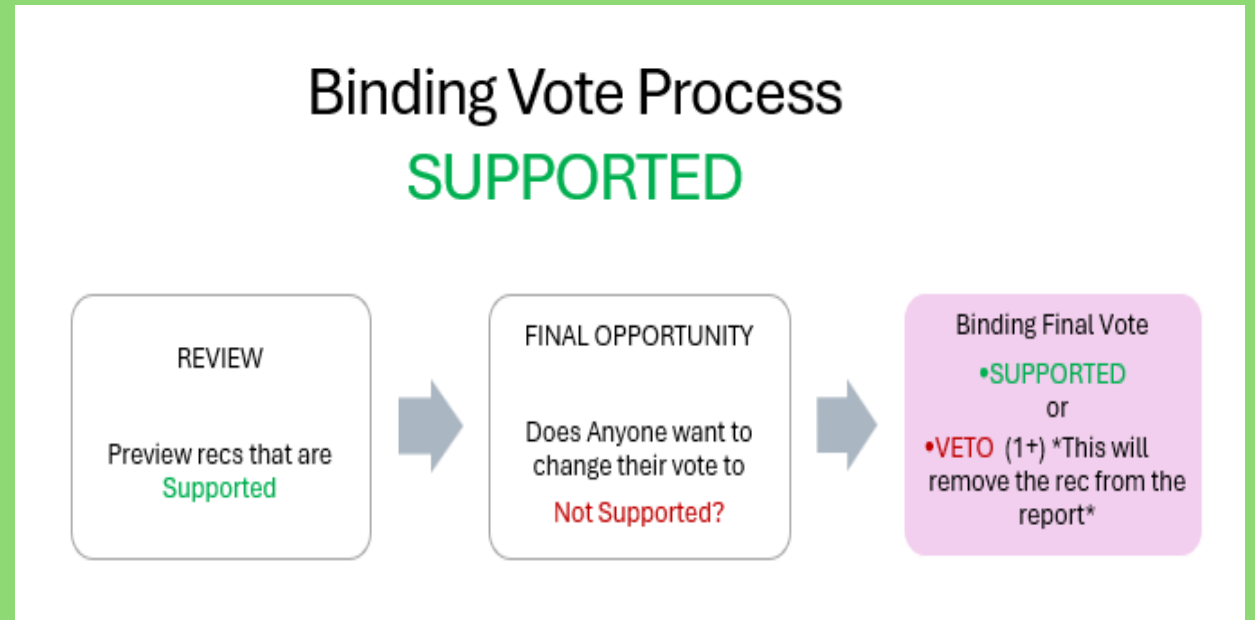
1. This is already done. Duplicative and not helpful.

Agreed upon language:



SUPPORTED

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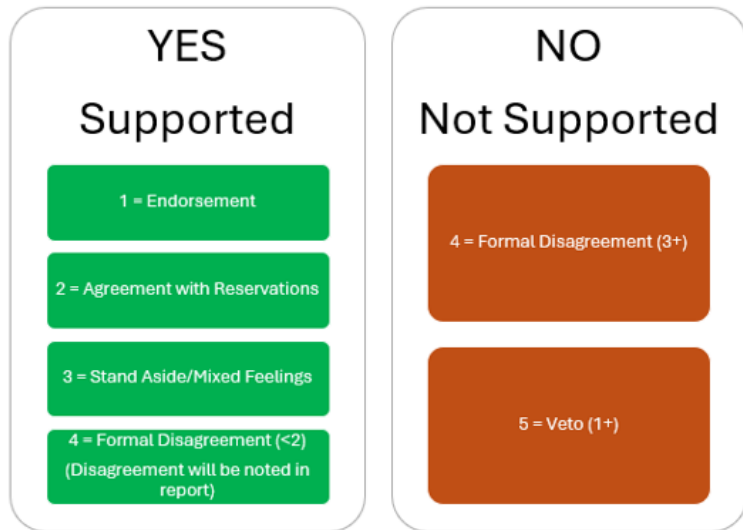
Section 5

Support Carbon Sequestration & Storage



Support Carbon Sequestration & Storage Overview

Temperature Check Voting



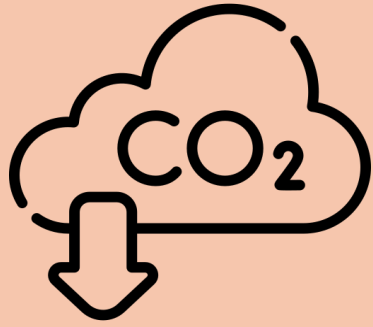
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4 Recommendations

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0 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

4 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



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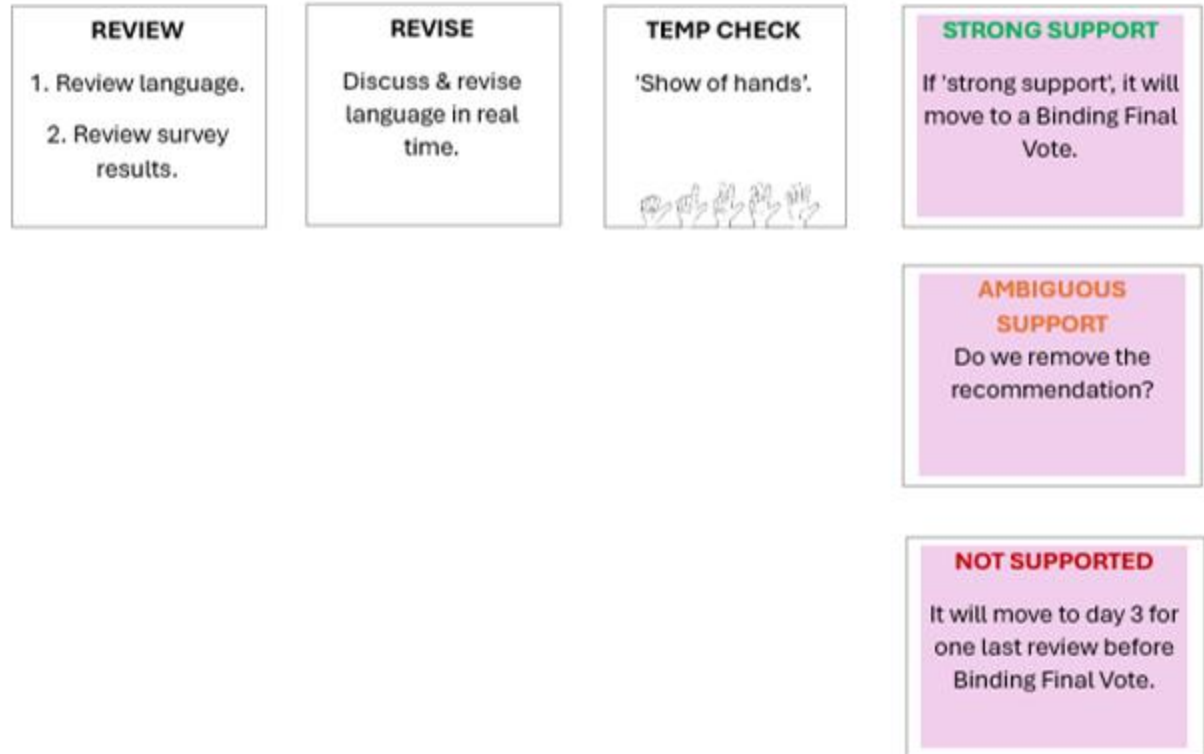
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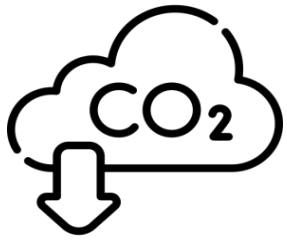
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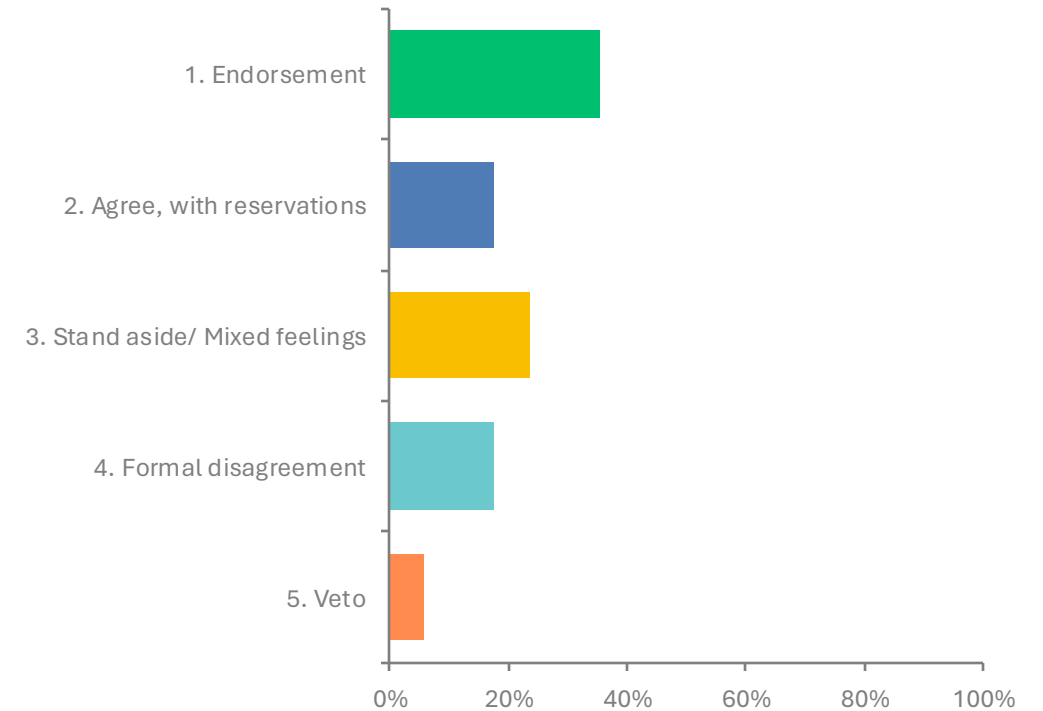
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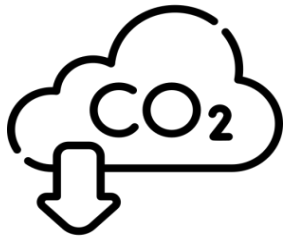




5-1 DC: In Moist Forests, landscape-level, in-forest carbon stocks in plantations increase and mature and old growth forests are maintained.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	35.29%	6
2. Agree, with reservations	17.65%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	23.53%	4
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





5-1 DC: In Moist Forests, landscape-level, in-forest carbon stocks in plantations increase and mature and old growth forests are maintained.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

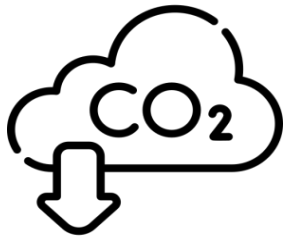
1. DC: In Moist Forests, landscape-level, in-forest carbon stocks in plantations increase and mature and old growth forests are maintained.
2. Moist forest plantations in Matrix should have commercial timber harvest allowed
3. I don't understand how this would be implemented, monitored, and enforced. It will likely lead to unintended consequences, such as less proactive management. It also lacks a timeline for the DC (over 1 year, 10 years, 100 years?).

Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. DC: In Moist Forests, landscape-level, in-forest carbon stocks in plantations are increasing and carbon stocks in mature and old growth forests are maintained.
2. In moist forest LSRs...
3. The Forest Service should seek to increase carbon sequestration and storage in soils, growing trees, and harvested wood products. This should be accomplished over the long-term and over the scale of the planning area through proactive management, reducing catastrophic wildfires, and improving forest resiliency.

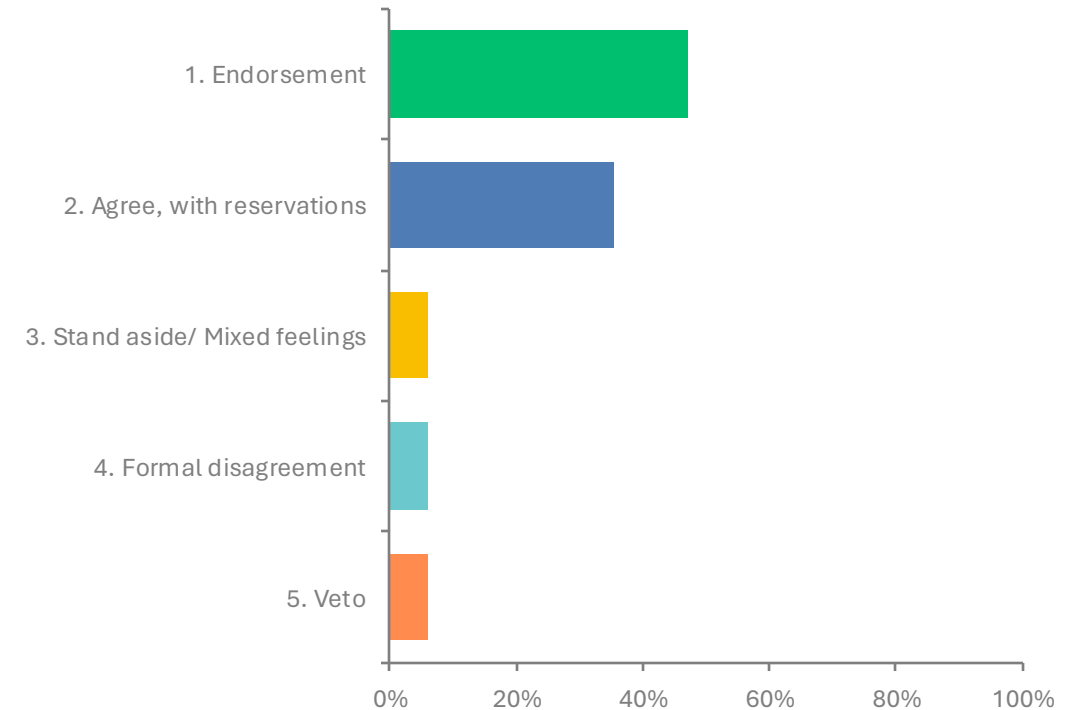
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

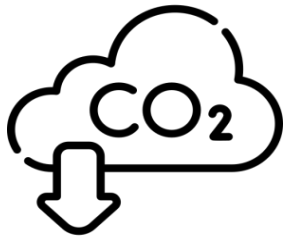
1. Mature and Old Growth forests are not the same thing and should be separated. Also, it is unclear what impacts the desire to increase carbon stocks will have on the landscape and the ability to manage these stands.



5-2 DC: In Dry Forests, forest resilience treatments are used to stabilize landscape-level in-forest carbons stocks from loss due to uncharacteristically severe disturbances. This will include a long-term shifting from carbon storage in denser forest stands with many smaller, drought and fire sensitive trees to stands with fewer, larger, drought and fire resilient trees.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	47.06%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	35.29%	6
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	5.88%	1
4. Formal disagreement	5.88%	1
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





5-2 DC: In Dry Forests, forest resilience treatments are used to stabilize landscape-level in-forest carbon stocks from loss due to uncharacteristically severe disturbances. This will include a long-term shifting from carbon storage in denser forest stands with many smaller, drought and fire sensitive trees to stands with fewer, larger, drought and fire resilient trees.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

1. It's overly prescriptive, would expose the FS to objections, and is unclear how it would be implemented, monitored, and enforced.

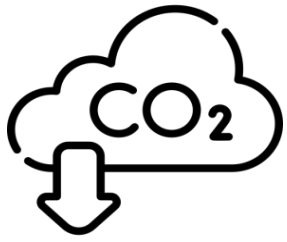
Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. In Dry Forests, the Forest Service should seek to avoid carbon emissions from severe wildfires and other disturbances by reducing forest stand densities. The Amendment should seek to remove plan components that limit or prevent forest resilience treatments at scale.

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

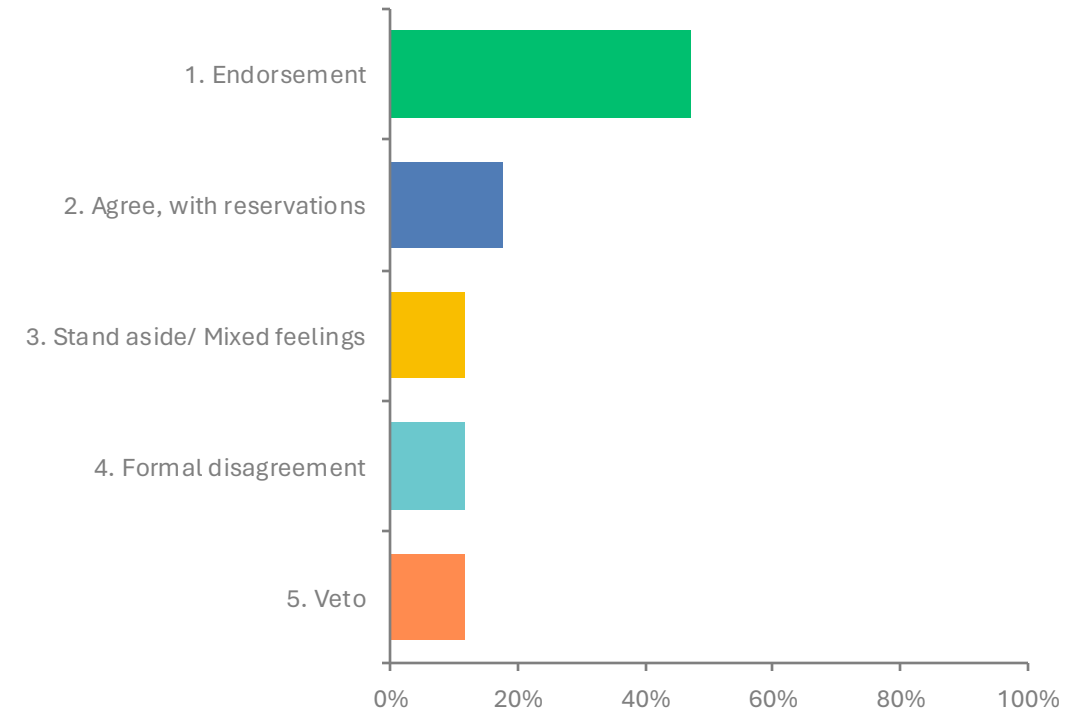
1. Every acre on the forest cannot do everything, this type of DC may conflict with other DCs and standards and require a large amount of analysis.

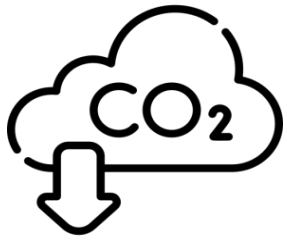
Agreed upon language:



5-3 GDL: In Moist Forests plantations, timber harvest and other active management programs should be designed to be consistent with an overall increase in landscape-level in-forest carbon stocks even as individual forest stands will experience temporary losses.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	47.06%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	17.65%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	11.76%	2
5. Veto	11.76%	2
TOTAL		17





5-3 GDL: In Moist Forests plantations, timber harvest and other active management programs should be designed to be consistent with an overall increase in landscape-level in-forest carbon stocks even as individual forest stands will experience temporary losses.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

1. This goal doesn't immediately make a lot of sense to me.
2. Moist forest Matrix lands should be managed for commercial timber harvest, not carbon storage.

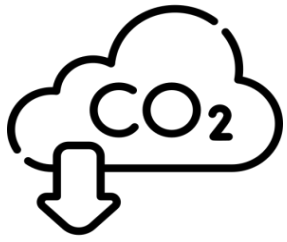
Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. In moist forest LSR plantations.

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (2)

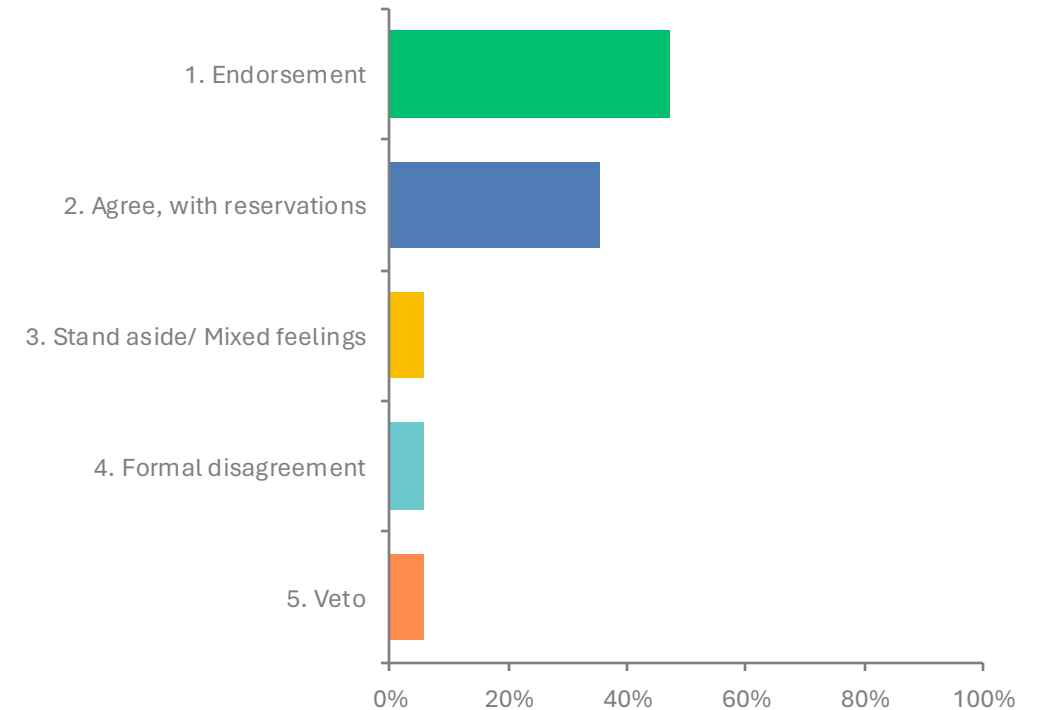
1. There's no need to put more restrictions and prescriptions on timber harvests in plantations.
2. This needs additional discussion, especially around how this guideline will be implemented/analyzed.

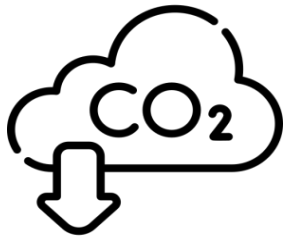
Agreed upon language:



5-4 GDL: In Dry Forests, fire resilience treatments that may have short-term carbon emissions but that enhance long-term, landscape-level forest carbon stability should be permitted.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	58.82%	10
2. Agree, with reservations	23.53%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	5.88%	1
4. Formal disagreement	5.88%	1
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





5-4 GDL: In Dry Forests, fire resilience treatments that may have short-term carbon emissions but that enhance long-term, landscape-level forest carbon stability should be permitted.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

1. This is a goal that's written as a guideline.

Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. Decide whether this should be a goal or a guideline.

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. What does this look like in implementation?

Agreed upon language:



NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN
Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

DAY 2

April 16 – 18, 2024 | Weaverville, CA

AGENDA | DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

TIME	TOPIC
11:00 a.m.	Welcome and Agenda Review
11:15 a.m.	FS Example
11:30	Survey Review and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conserve Mature and Old Forests
1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 p.m.	Survey Review and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide Predictability for Sustainable Timber Production
2:30 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
2:50 p.m.	Survey Review and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Trust Responsibilities
4:20 p.m.	Closing Remarks/Next Day Lookahead
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

REMAINING SECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Today:

8. Conserve Mature & Old Growth Forests
7. Provide Predictability for Sustainable Timber Production
1. Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Tribal Treaty

Tomorrow:

6. Address Climate Change Effects on Recreation
9. Post-Disturbance Forest Management
10. Designate & Steward Community Protection Zones
11. Adaptive Management Areas (TBD)

Section 8

Conserve Mature & Old Growth Forests



Conserve Mature and Old Forests (and Vegetation Management)

✓ 17 Respondents

11 Recommendations

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3 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

4 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



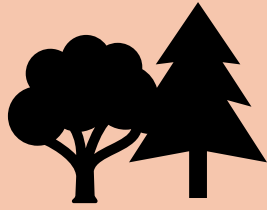
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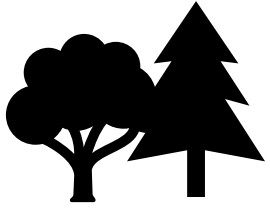
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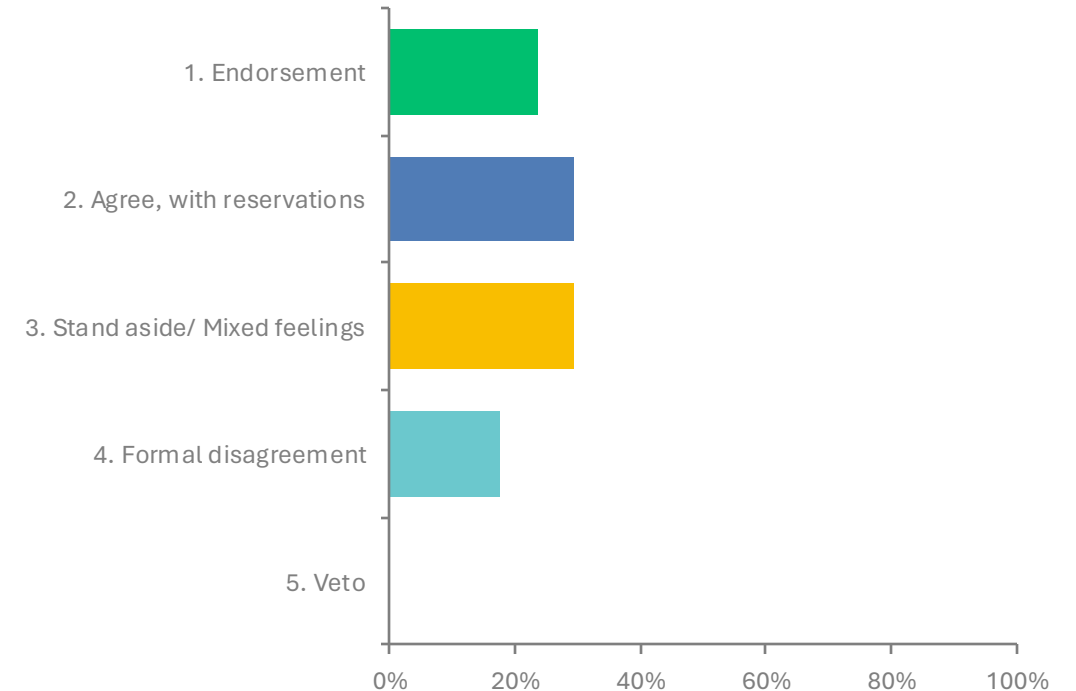
8-1: The EIS for the NWFP amendment should evaluate impacts of the following recommendations for a range of mature and old growth definitions which might include:

- No change, in which Forest Service maintains the current definitions of mature and old growth as defined in the 1994 NWFP: Mature is around 80 years plus structural definitions. Old is at least 180-220 years. There are also structural definitions.
- 2018 Bioregional Assessment: Mature (or “late-successional forest”) is at least 100 to 200 years. Old is greater than 200 years.
- Define mature moist forests as 100 years and dry mature forests as 150 years, plus appropriate structural characteristics. Old is greater than 200 years.
- Define mature moist forests as stands originating prior to the year 1925 and dry mature forests as trees originating prior to 1875. (option to avoid “aging out” issue)



8-1: The EIS for the NWFP amendment should evaluate impacts of the following recommendations for a range of mature and old growth definitions...

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	23.53%	4
2. Agree, with reservations	29.41%	5
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	29.41%	5
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		17





8-1: The EIS for the NWFP amendment should evaluate impacts of the following recommendations for a range of mature and old growth definitions...

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. Mature and old are two separate categories and should be treated differently and not conserved together.
2. Define mature moist forests as stands originating prior to the year 1925 and dry mature forests as trees originating prior to 1875. (option to avoid “aging out” issue)
3. There are too many options, all based on age. The FAC needs to pick a definition, preferably based on size rather than age. Using size could prevent thinning dense stands where the trees are small but over 80 years old.

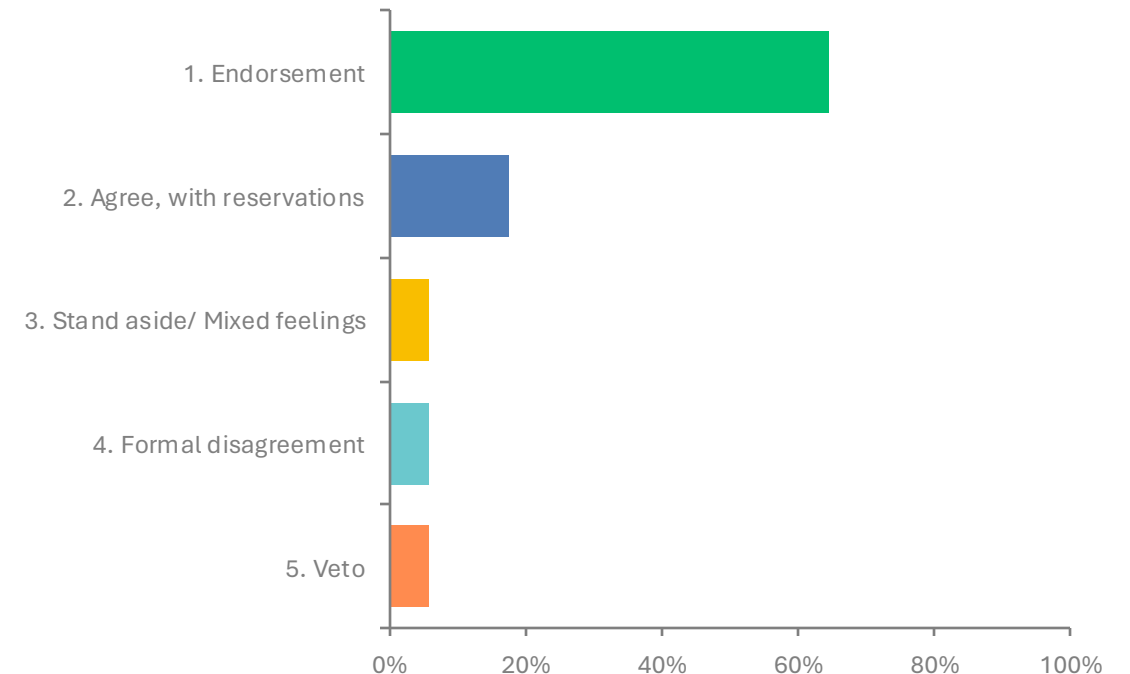
Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. The EIS for the NWFP amendment should evaluate impacts of the following recommendations for a range of old growth definitions, which might include: No change, in which Forest Service maintains the current definitions of old growth as defined in the 1994 NWFP: Old is at least 180-220 years. There are also structural definitions. 2018 Bioregional Assessment: Old is greater than 200 years. Old is greater than 200 years.
2. Delete completely since this is an arbitrary definition with no basis in science. It avoids "aging out" but also precludes "aging in". This recommendation basically accepts the results of the last 100 years of industrial logging impacts and sets them in stone. I can not support this as a reasonable alternative for analysis.
3. Retain all trees greater than 30” DBH in drier provinces, and 36” DBH in wetter provinces. This includes standing alive, partially alive, or dead trees All down logs greater than 30" should be retained regardless of province (including protecting from firewood harvest).



8-6 OBJ: During the planning horizon, active and passive management of mature and old growth forests will stabilize or increase the amount of old growth forest conditions present on the landscape over time relative to existing conditions.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	64.71%	11
2. Agree, with reservations	17.65%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	5.88%	1
4. Formal disagreement	5.88%	1
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





8-6 OBJ: During the planning horizon, active and passive management of mature and old growth forests will stabilize or increase the amount of old growth forest conditions present on the landscape over time relative to existing conditions.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

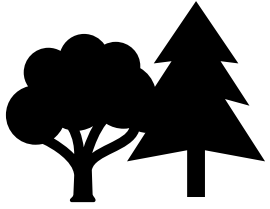
1. Increase how much? This objective will be met if the Forest Service moves one "mature" tree to "old growth" during the planning horizon? If we're going to talk about increasing a condition, we should know where we are right now, and what the target is for effective monitoring?

Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. I don't think this rec is necessary.

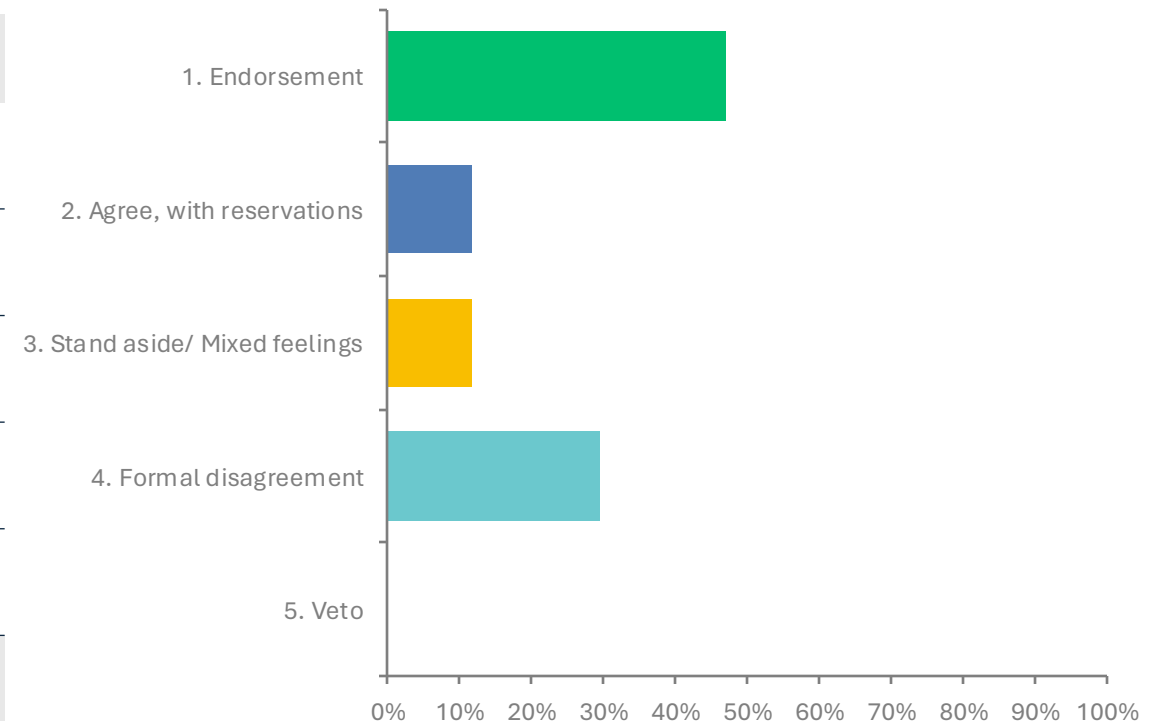
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. Mature and old growth are two separate structural stages and should not be conflated. We should be working to bring a balance of structural stages/stand conditions across the landscape, not just focus on one structural stage as the goal everywhere.



8-7 OBJ: During the current planning horizon, restore ecological resilience to at least one third of extant Dry Forest while conserving and protecting old trees and conserving and promoting the development of future functional old-growth forest ecosystems appropriate for Dry Forests.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	47.06%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	11.76%	2
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	29.41%	5
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		17





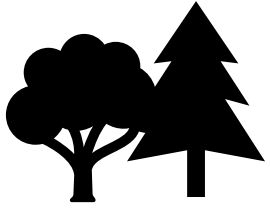
8-7 OBJ: During the current planning horizon, restore ecological resilience to at least one third of extant Dry Forest while conserving and protecting old trees and conserving and promoting the development of future functional old-growth forest ecosystems appropriate for Dry Forests.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (5)

1. I don't believe 1/3 is enough.
2. We are mixing old growth structural stages and old trees. These are two separate things.
3. Too prescriptive.
4. At least one third
5. The should only apply to the LSR. Matrix Dry Forests should still be managed as a timber base unless already in Old Growth condition. Is that what is meant by "extant".

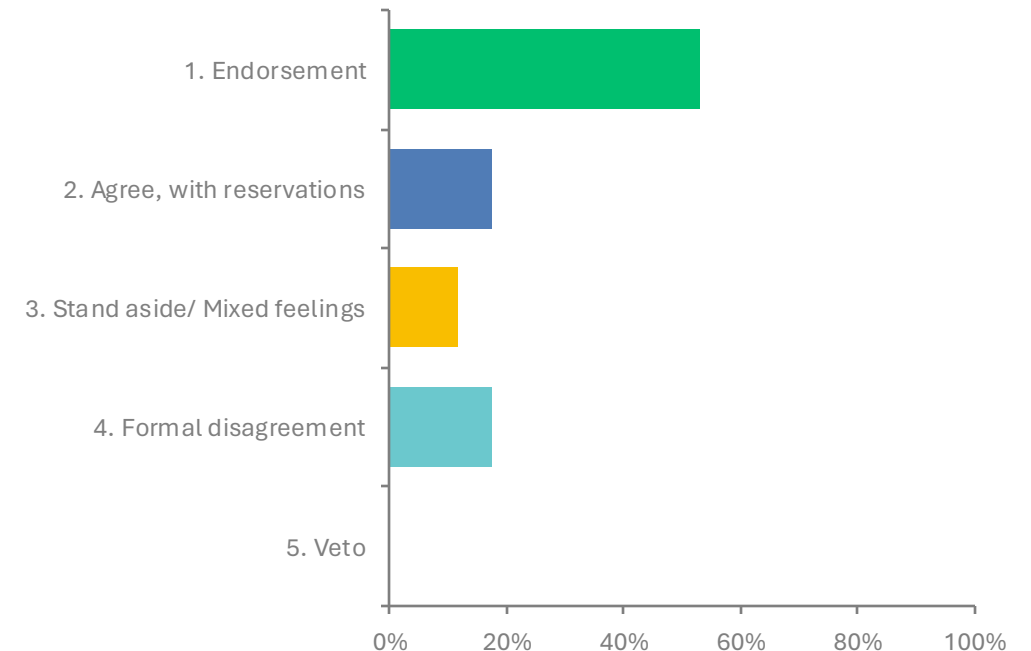
Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. Recommend to at least 2/3.
2. OBJ: During the current planning horizon, restore ecological resilience to at least one third of extant Dry Forest while conserving and protecting old growth.
3. During the current planning horizon, restore ecological resilience to at least one third of extant Dry Forest while conserving and protecting old forest stands.
4. Is this even realistic? Should we recommend how to prioritize this work? For example, "... at least one quarter of extant dry forest with priority going to those stands closest to valuable human infrastructure and communities. Management will focus on conserving and protecting old trees and ..."
5. During the current planning horizon, restore ecological resilience to at least one third of extant LSR Dry Forests... Remaining Old Growth Dry Forests are managed as LSRs.



8-8 OBJ: During the current planning horizon, implement silvicultural treatments that increase diversity, structural and compositional complexity, and resilience to disturbance across at least one third of extant managed stands.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	52.94%	9
2. Agree, with reservations	17.65%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		17





8-8 OBJ: During the current planning horizon, implement silvicultural treatments that increase diversity, structural and compositional complexity, and resilience to disturbance across at least one third of extant managed stands.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. I don't believe 1/3 is enough.
2. Why are we just focusing on extant managed stands when we are working to address a forest health and wildfire crisis?
3. At least one third of extant managed stands.

Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

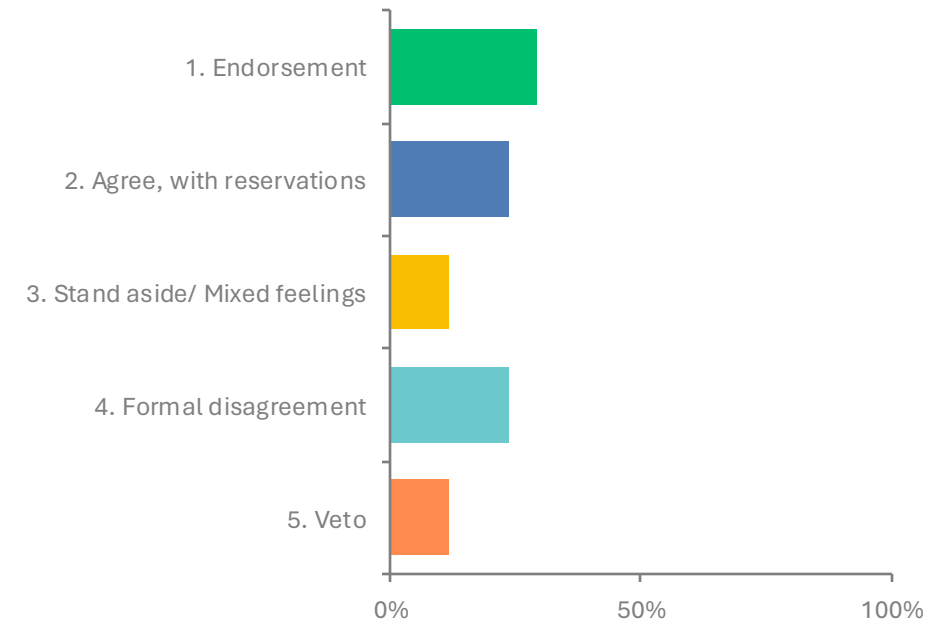
1. Change to at least 2/3.
2. OBJ: During the current planning horizon, implement silvicultural treatments that increase diversity, structural and compositional complexity, and resilience to disturbance across at least one third of stands in need of treatment for forest health reasons.
3. This entire statement is very vague and it's unclear what stands it applies to. Does this apply to all mature & old or only previously cut stands? Does this apply within LSR's? Again, feels like it would more appropriately be applied to the matrix and/or sustainable timber supply sections.



8-9 STD: Timber harvest and timber production in mature and old forest in all land use allocations is prohibited, except:

1. To prevent imminent danger to people or critical infrastructure;
2. For tribal cultural uses;
3. In seasonally dry, fire prone forests where:
 - a) Stands likely historically experienced frequent fire;
 - b) Natural resources including but not limited to old trees, wildlife habitat, or water quality are threatened by uncharacteristic disturbance; and,
 - c) Silvicultural activities have been shown to be successful in restoring desired conditions for seasonally dry, fire prone forests.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	29.41%	5
2. Agree, with reservations	23.53%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	23.53%	4
5. Veto	11.76%	2
TOTAL		17





8-9 STD: Timber harvest and timber production in mature and old forest in all land use allocations is prohibited, except...

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (4)

1. Prohibited is a really strong word.
2. Concern with the inclusion of mature. Depending on definition of mature, we will soon have mature forests that are still in need of ecological / resilience focused active management.
3. In seasonally dry, fire prone forests where: Stands likely historically experienced frequent fire; Natural resources including but not limited to old trees, wildlife habitat, or water quality are threatened by uncharacteristic disturbance; and, Silvicultural activities have been shown to be successful in restoring desired conditions for seasonally dry, fire prone forests.
4. A previous recommendation suggested (I think, the language was pretty tortured) that the Forest Service would consider a range of definitions of mature, but almost all of those definitions contemplated defining mature forest as forests with trees >80 or >100 years of age. There's simply no legal, social, or ecological warrant for prohibiting cutting of all trees in moist forests >80 years of age, or even >100 years of age. It would be difficult if not impossible to enforce.

Propose alternative recommendation language (4):

1. STD: Timber harvest and timber production in mature and old forest in all land use allocations is not the primary purpose for these lands, except:
2. Restrict this standard to "old" only. Also, propose defining "experienced frequent fire" as fire return intervals of <35 years.
3. Timber production is inappropriate within late and old dry forests. Smaller diameter tree removal may be a valid silvicultural restoration treatment in some cases, but any timber production would be a secondary bi-product to that activity. Exceptions this vague are not sufficient to ensure appropriate conservation and promotion of mature & old dry forests.
4. I would define mature as no younger than 120 years of age.



8-9 STD: Timber harvest and timber production in mature and old forest in all land use allocations is prohibited, except...

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (2)

1. Again, mature and old growth are two separate stages and should be treated separately.
2. I can get there on a clear prohibition on old growth, but not "mature."



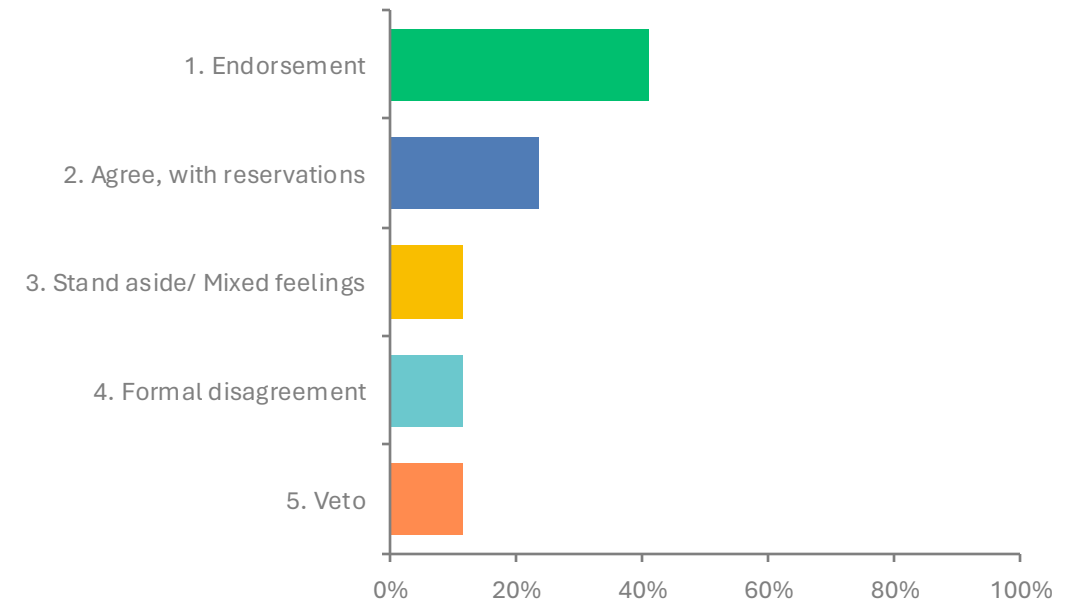
8-10 STD: In seasonally dry, fire prone forests in all land use allocations, proactively maintain and restore the ecological integrity of mature and old growth forest conditions. Silvicultural activities in seasonally dry, fire prone forests in all land allocations shall:

- 1) Retain all extant old growth trees and sufficient mature trees to provide for the recruitment of future old forest conditions;
- 2) Retain all extant mature trees, except where retention of mature trees is inconsistent with restoration of characteristic forest density and species composition, or where mature trees threaten the persistence of old growth trees or other important natural resource values;
- 3) Utilize silvicultural treatments to reduce stand densities, produce desired spatial heterogeneity, shift species composition to more disturbance-resilient densities and compositions, and create small gaps to restore historical spatial patterns;
- 4) Create and maintain successional heterogeneity based on local disturbance regimes and the needs of late-successional forest species; and
- 5) Restore the role of fire on the landscape through the use of prescribed fire and managed wildfire.



8-10 STD: In seasonally dry, fire prone forests in all land use allocations, proactively maintain and restore the ecological integrity of mature and old growth forest conditions. Silvicultural activities in seasonally dry, fire prone forests in all land allocations shall...

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	41.18%	7
2. Agree, with reservations	23.53%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	11.76%	2
5. Veto	11.76%	2
TOTAL		17





8-10 STD: In seasonally dry, fire prone forests in all land use allocations, proactively maintain and restore the ecological integrity of mature and old growth forest conditions. Silvicultural activities in seasonally dry, fire prone forests in all land allocations shall...

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

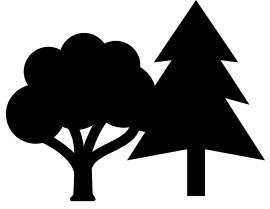
1. Silvicultural activities in seasonally dry... Retain all extant mature trees, except where retention of mature trees is inconsistent with restoration of characteristic forest density and species composition, or where mature trees threaten the persistence of old growth trees or other important natural resource values;
2. All land use allocations... recruitment of future old forest conditions;

Propose alternative recommendation language (2):

1. Management activities in seasonally dry... Retain all extant mature trees, except where retention of mature trees is inconsistent with restoration of characteristic forest density and species composition.
2. I am good with all these Standard for LSR and Matrix already considered Old Growth. However, non Old Growth Matrix lands should not be managed as future Old Growth which will eventually remove all lands in the NWFP from the timber base.

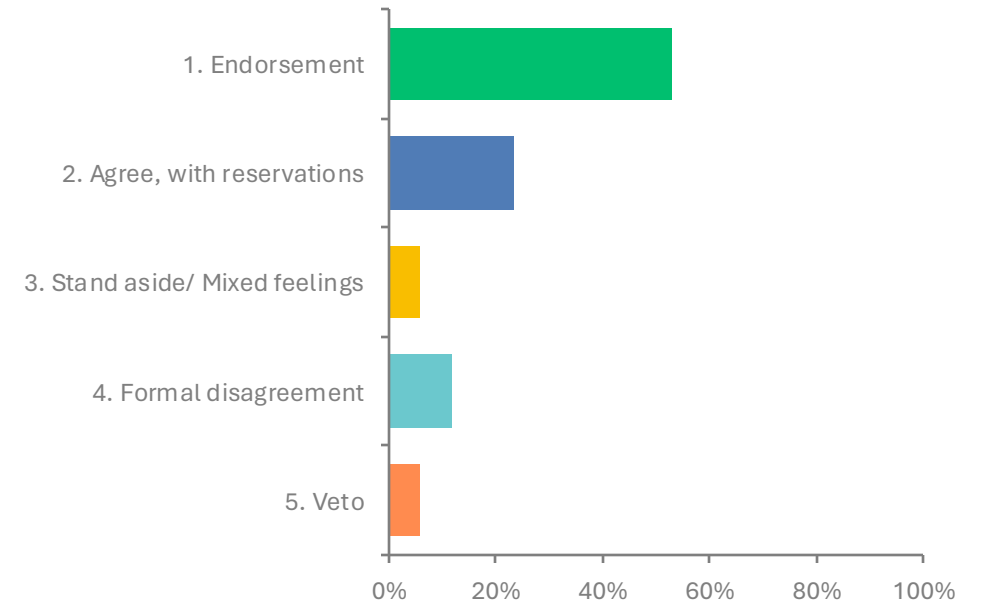
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (2)

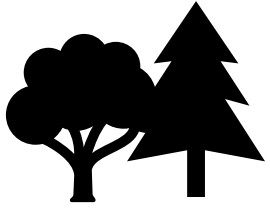
1. This standard treats old and mature stands as the same which is not what should be happening. We need to better understand the variety of conditions across the landscape to better treat the dynamic forest system.
2. Again, we're mixing mature and old growth language. This may be an appropriate rec for old growth, but mature and old growth forests should not be managed the same way in moist or dry.



8-11 STD: In moist Late-Successional Reserves, proactively manage previously harvested stands to accelerate the development of mature and old growth forest conditions.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	52.94%	9
2. Agree, with reservations	23.53%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	5.88%	1
4. Formal disagreement	11.76%	2
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





8-11 STD: In moist Late-Successional Reserves, proactively manage previously harvested stands to accelerate the development of mature and old growth forest conditions.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

1. This is the status quo. I'd want to provide clearer direction on what "management" we're talking about.
2. In moist Late-Successional Reserves...

Propose alternative recommendation language (2):

1. In moist Late-Successional Reserves, proactively manage previously harvested stands to accelerate the development of mature and old growth forest conditions. This may require intensive management and silvicultural prescriptions, including variable retention harvests, to achieve the desired condition in the long-term.
2. In Late-Successional Reserves...

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. This doesn't address forest health and the needs of the landscape at a local level.



SUPPORTED

✓ 8-2

✓ 8-3

✓ 8-4

✓ 8-5

Opportunity to address additional line edits on supported recommendations.

DISCUSSION & RECOMENDATION APPROVAL

Day 3



NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN
Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

DAY 3

April 16 – 18, 2024 | Weaverville, CA

AGENDA

Day 3 – Thursday, April 18

TIME	TOPIC
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Agenda Review
8:40 a.m.	FS Sharing on Mature & Old
9:00 a.m.	Survey Review and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide Predictability for Sustainable Timber Production• Adaptive Management Areas
12:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch – TBD working lunch!</i>
1:00 p.m.	Survey Review and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Trust Responsibilities• Post-Disturbance Forest Management• Consider Climate Change Effects on Recreation• Designate and Steward Community Protection Zones
3:30 p.m.	Next Steps and Schedule
3:50 p.m.	Closing Remarks
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn – <i>Safe travels!</i>

Section 7

Provide Predictability for Sustainable Timber Production



Provide Predictability for Sustainable Timber Production

✓ 16 Respondents

15 Recommendations

4 SUPPORTED

5 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

6 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



SUPPORTED

✓7-7

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NOT SUPPORTED

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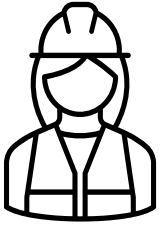
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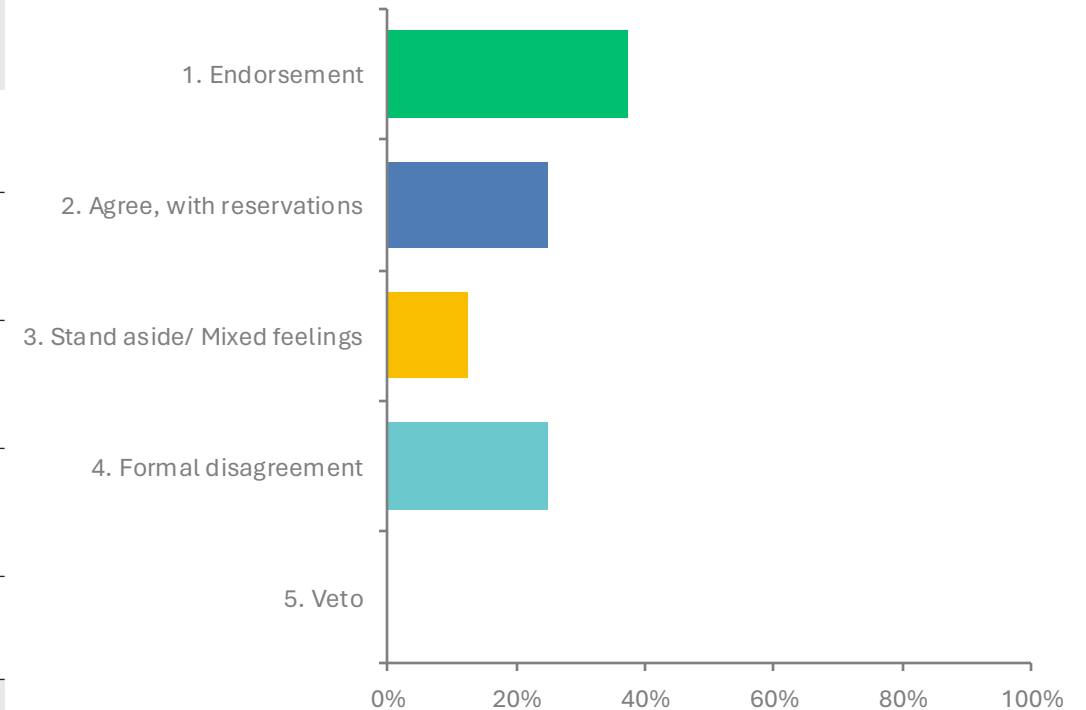
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7-1: Matrix and Adaptive Management Areas provide the primary land base that will be managed to provide a sustainable supply of wood products and for the socioeconomic wellbeing of local communities. The Forest Service should focus this activity on plantations and other previously managed forests with the goals of (1) providing a predictable and sustainable supply of wood products; and (2) restoring these forests to more structurally complex and biologically diverse managed forests that would also be more resistant and resilient to climate change.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	37.50%	6
2. Agree, with reservations	25.00%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	12.50%	2
4. Formal disagreement	25.00%	4
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





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Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (4)

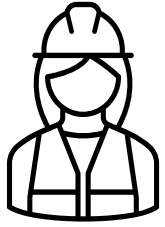
1. Don't know if this is a DC or Standard, etc; Primary focus on wood product shouldn't pathway.
2. (2) restoring these forests to more structurally complex and biologically diverse managed forests that would also be more resistant and resilient to climate change.
3. The Forest Service should be focusing on forest health regardless of past stand activity.
4. I don't believe that we've reached consensus that active management should be limited to plantations, and I don't believe this provision is consistent with existing laws and regulations.



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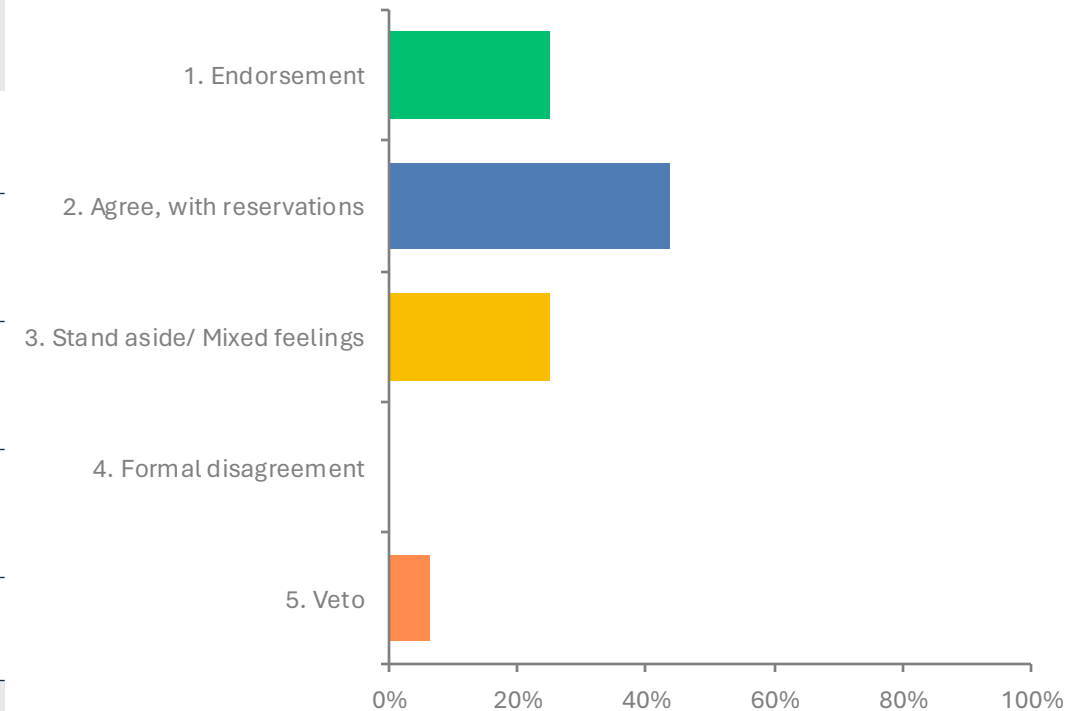
Propose alternative recommendation language (4)

1. DC Matrix and Adaptive Management Areas provide the primary land base that will be managed to provide a sustainable supply of wood products and for the socioeconomic wellbeing of local communities. The Forest Service should focus this activity on plantations and other previously managed forests with the goals of and (1) restoring these forests to more structurally complex and biologically diverse managed forests that would also be more resistant and resilient to climate change (2) providing a predictable and sustainable supply of wood products.
2. (2) utilize the principles of ecological forestry to restore these forests to more structurally complex and biologically diverse managed forests that would also be more resistant and resilient to climate change.
3. Matrix and Adaptive Management Areas provide the primary land base that will be managed to provide a sustainable supply of wood products and for the socioeconomic wellbeing of local communities. The Forest Service should manage the forests with the goals of (1) providing a predictable and sustainable supply of wood products; and (2) create healthy forests that are more resistant and resilient to climate change.
4. I don't have suggestions for improvement. I think the premise of this statement is flawed.



7-2: Clearly indicate the intention for sustainable timber harvest in the Matrix. Options to achieve this intent include renaming the Matrix to “Harvest Land Base” or “Forest Stewardship Area” to better articulate the intent for this area.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	25.00%	4
2. Agree, with reservations	43.75%	7
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	25.00%	4
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16

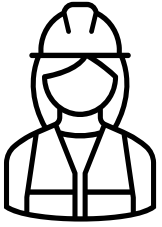




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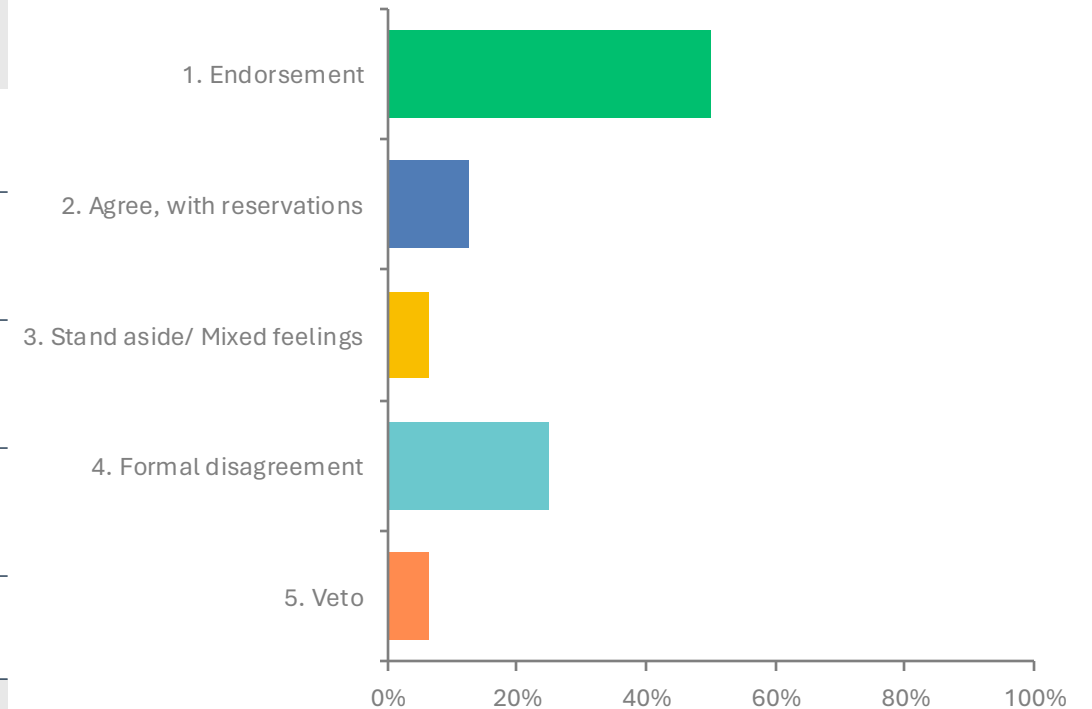
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

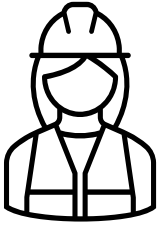
1. Neither name is suitable, ie. stewardship shouldn't be mixed with tribal stewardship, and harvest land base political hard to back up, or acceptable. Matrix leave as is.



7-3: Align ecological forestry and variable retention logging to support socioeconomic goals including but not limited to cultural use species and associated habitats.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	50.0%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	12.50%	2
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	6.25%	1
4. Formal disagreement	25.00%	4
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





7-3: Align ecological forestry and variable retention logging to support socioeconomic goals including but not limited to cultural use species and associated habitats.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (4)

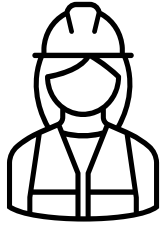
1. This is confusing language. Does it apply only to matrix? I think I am aligned with the intent, but am unsure how this will be interpreted and applied.
2. I don't understand what the recommendation is saying. Needs clarity.
3. I need to understand this better before I can vote.
4. This recommendation doesn't make much sense to me.

Propose alternative recommendation language (4)

1. Make a more direct statement along the lines of "Within matrix LUA's...manage lands using ecological forestry principles, such as variable retention harvesting, which may achieve diverse socioeconomic, cultural, and ecological goals."
2. Can't provide since I don't understand it.
3. What is "ecological forestry"
4. No suggestions. I don't understand what this means in a practical sense.

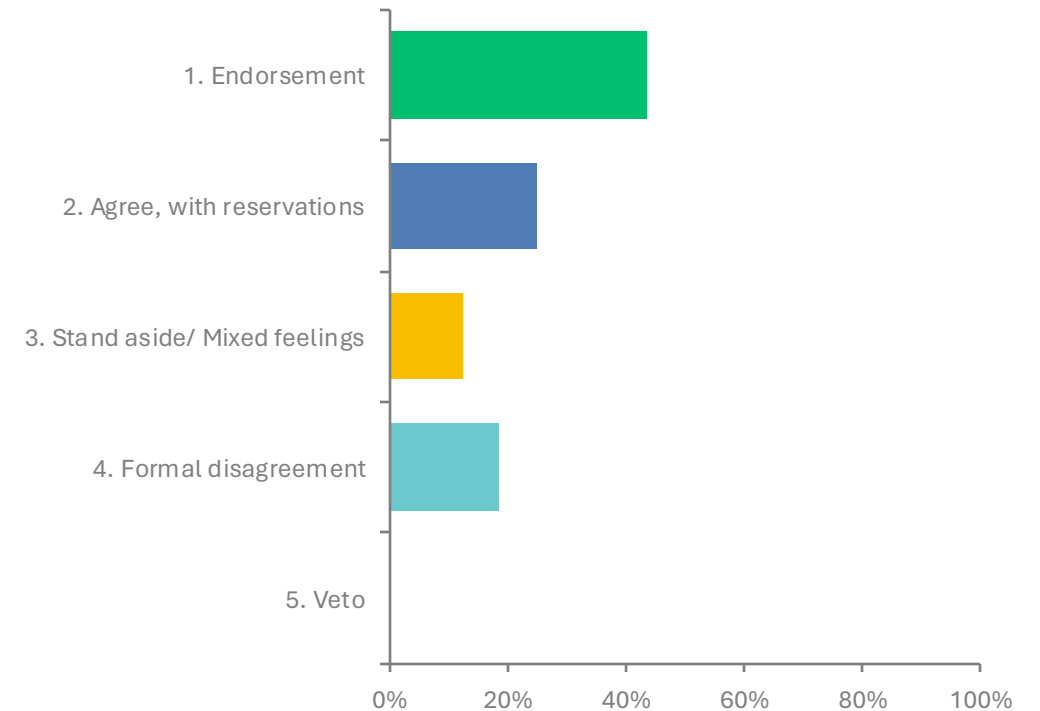
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

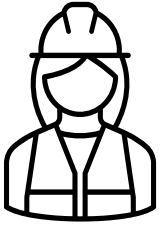
1. This doesn't make any sense to me and seems that it should take place at the local level and not be dictated from the top down.



7-4 DC: National forest lands provide significant wood products to local industries and significant non-timber economic opportunities to local and regional communities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	43.75%	7
2. Agree, with reservations	25.00%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	12.50%	2
4. Formal disagreement	18.75%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





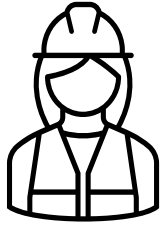
7-4 DC: National forest lands provide significant wood products to local industries and significant non-timber economic opportunities to local and regional communities

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. I think based on our discussions of extractive commercial competition with Indigenous communities for non-timber products we need to make this more nuanced.
2. Not sure what is intended by "significant". It will mean different things to different people. We won't know until the FS runs the numbers, but timber harvest will likely be flat or less than it is today if the FS is limited to only managing plantations.
3. The concept is good but "significant" is too relative of a term. Plus, wood products and non-timber economic opportunities should have separate recommendations.

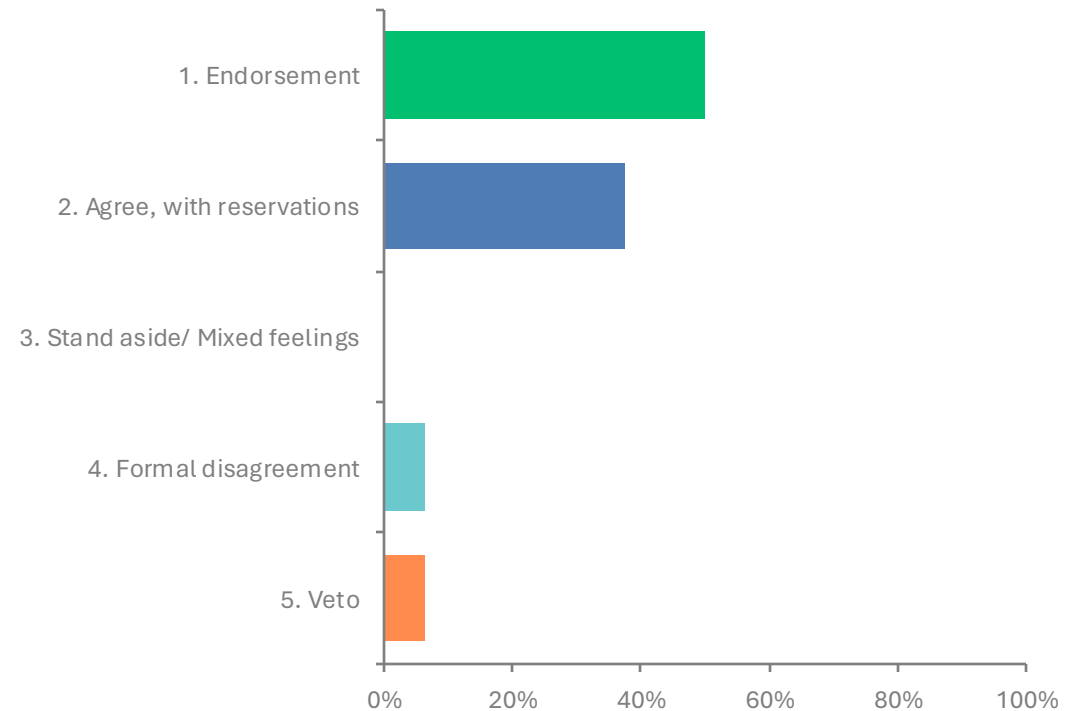
Propose alternative recommendation language (3)

1. Include reference to Tribal treaty rights etc to be recognized within this DC.
2. ...provide a sustainable and predictable supply of wood products....
3. Each Forest Service Ranger District will evaluate the supply of wood products (commercial, non commercial, restoration) to local industries available in their district. Based on this inventory, a sustainable yield harvest level will be estimated in order to give target levels of harvest to local industries.



7-5 DC: Timber production in Matrix and Adaptive Management Areas, and proactive stewardship of dry forests, creates a predictable and sustainable supply of forest products that significantly contributes to maintaining and increasing the current infrastructure.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	50.0%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	37.50%	6
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	6.25%	1
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





7-5 DC: Timber production in Matrix and Adaptive Management Areas, and proactive stewardship of dry forests, creates a predictable and sustainable supply of forest products that significantly contributes to maintaining and increasing the current infrastructure.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

1. Currently forests are predictable and sustainable but not meeting the needs of the forests nor are they meeting the needs of the communities.

Propose alternative recommendation language (1)

1. DC: Timber production in Matrix and Adaptive Management Areas, and proactive stewardship of dry forests, increases the supply of forest products from this landscape that beneficially impacts the local community through increased economic activity.

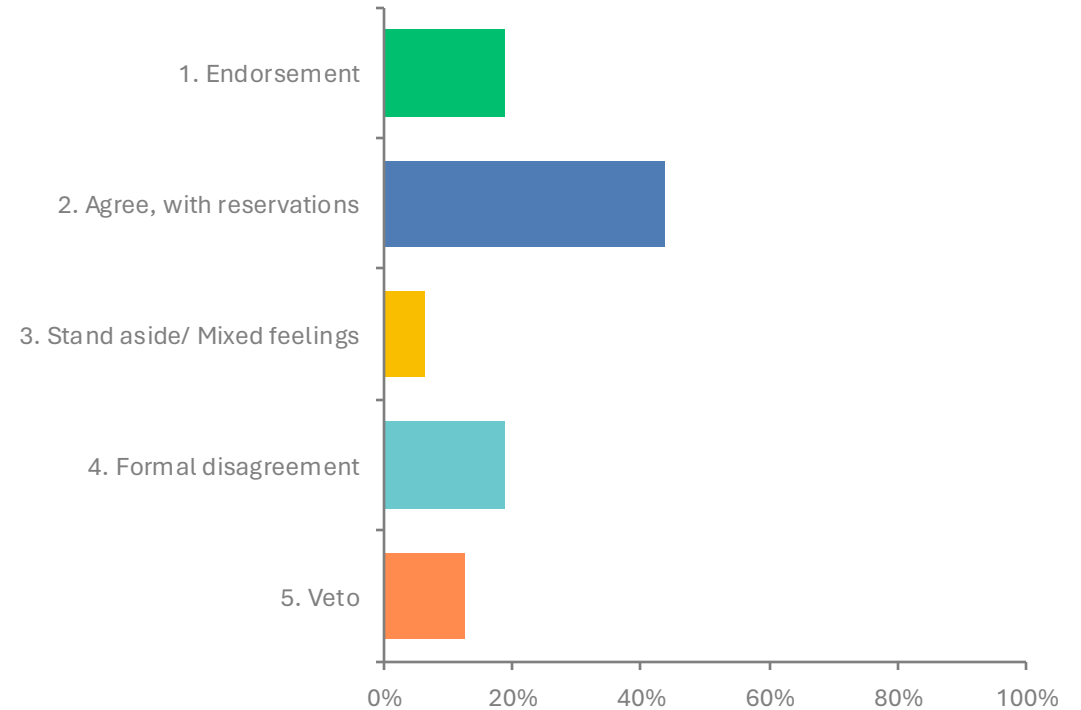
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. This is another recommendation already in the original plan and FAC Recommendation (repetitive).



7-6 DC: Timber Harvest Stands are identified, which include all stands within matrix lands which originated after the establishment of forest reserves in the late 1800s and where a range of silvicultural actions are appropriate to achieve multiple objectives including production of timber products.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	18.75%	3
2. Agree, with reservations	43.75%	7
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	6.25%	1
4. Formal disagreement	18.75%	3
5. Veto	12.50%	2
TOTAL		16





7-6 DC: Timber Harvest Stands are identified, which include all stands within matrix lands which originated after the establishment of forest reserves in the late 1800s and where a range of silvicultural actions are appropriate to achieve multiple objectives including production of timber products.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. DC: Timber Harvest Stands are identified, which include all stands within matrix lands which originated after the establishment of forest reserves in the late 1800s and where a range of silvicultural actions are appropriate to achieve multiple objectives including production of timber products.
2. Need more specificity on "late 1800s".
3. This seems obscure and needs to be clearer. I'm not sure I understand the intent of of this DC.

Propose alternative recommendation language (1)

1. DC: Timber Harvest Stands are identified, which include all stands within matrix lands, exclusive of those stands determined to meet mature and old forest definitions, where a range of silvicultural actions are appropriate to achieve multiple objectives including production of timber products.
2. We need to discuss this as a group.
3. DC: Timber Harvest Stands are identified, which include all stands within matrix lands except lands identified as old growth and where a range of silvicultural actions are appropriate to achieve production of timber products and other multiple uses.



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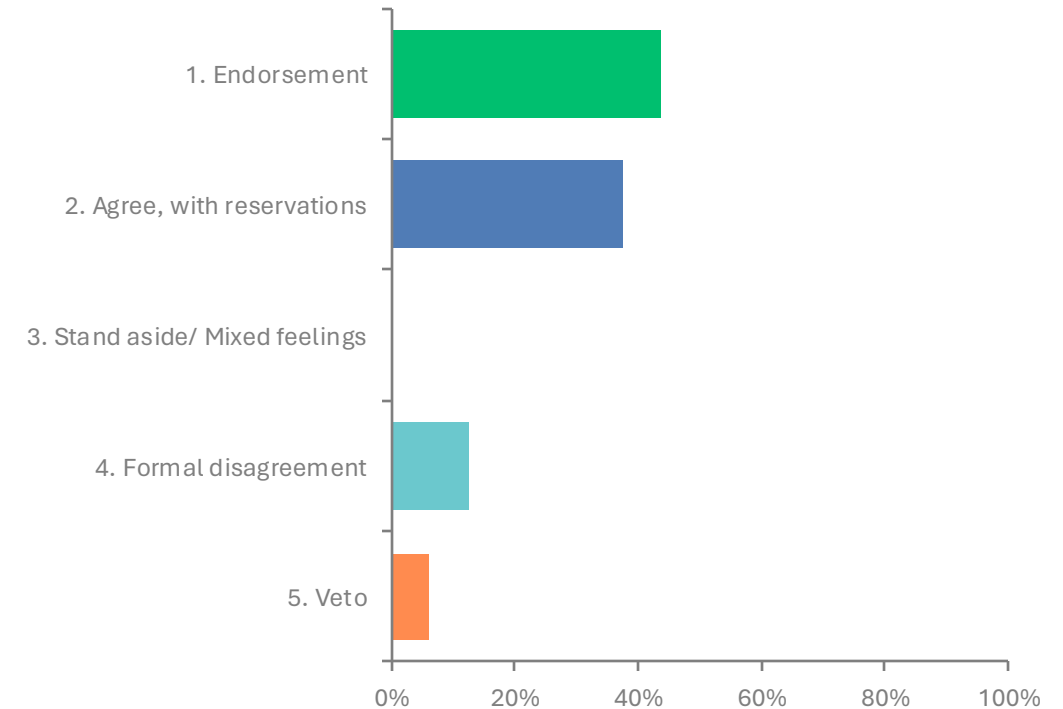
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (2)

1. I need more discussion on this topic and implications that I'm understanding currently as not adequate.
2. Don't understand the need for this DC - it seemingly runs counter to other recommendations in which ecological forestry / resilience focused management will produce a significant, predictable, and sustained production of forest products. Presupposes agreement with using language of "timber harvest stands". This should be considered within individual forest plans.



7-9 OBJ: During the current planning horizon, provide reliable supply of wood products from a combination of restoration treatments in Dry Forest and planted stands and a wide range of silvicultural activities in Timber Harvest Stands.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	43.75%	7
2. Agree, with reservations	37.50%	6
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	12.50%	2
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





7-9 OBJ: During the current planning horizon, provide reliable supply of wood products from a combination of restoration treatments in Dry Forest and planted stands and a wide range of silvicultural activities in Timber Harvest Stands.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

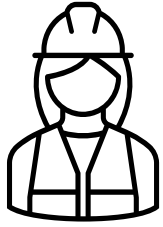
1. Issues with the terminology of "Timber Harvest Stand" and what does "reliable" mean. What does "wide range of silvicultural activities" mean?
2. I need to know more about the context of "Timber Harvest Stands".

Propose alternative recommendation language (2)

1. Do not use "Timber Harvest Stand" language and define what is meant by reliable. Clarify as "ecological forest management" in planted stands.
2. I need to know more about the context of "Timber Harvest Stands".

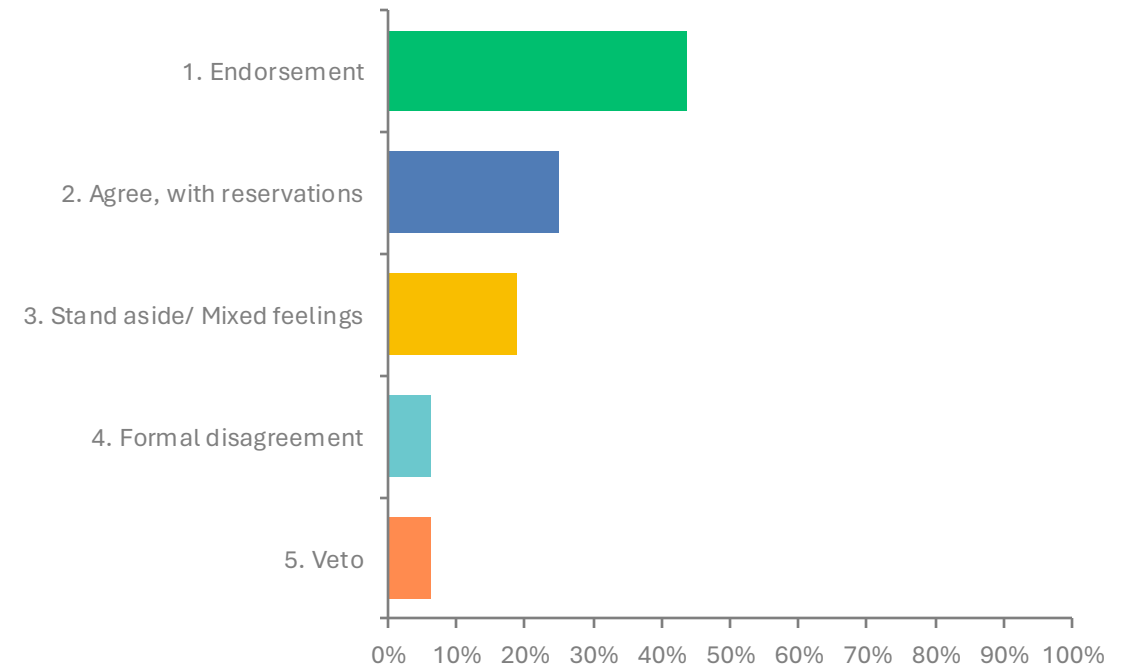
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. This is the same as the previous objective.



7-10 STD: Pre-disturbance surveys for Table C-3 wildlife species shall not be required for restoration treatments in seasonally dry, fire prone forests, or for timber harvest or timber production in matrix or in managed stands.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	43.75%	7
2. Agree, with reservations	25.00%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	18.75%	3
4. Formal disagreement	6.25%	1
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





7-10 STD: Pre-disturbance surveys for Table C-3 wildlife species shall not be required for restoration treatments in seasonally dry, fire prone forests, or for timber harvest or timber production in matrix or in managed stands.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

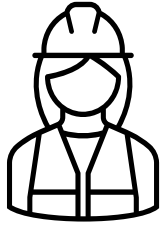
1. STD: Pre-disturbance surveys for Table C-3 wildlife species shall not be required for restoration treatments in seasonally dry, fire prone forests, or for timber harvest or timber production in matrix or in managed stands.

Propose alternative recommendation language (1)

1. Delete this STD.

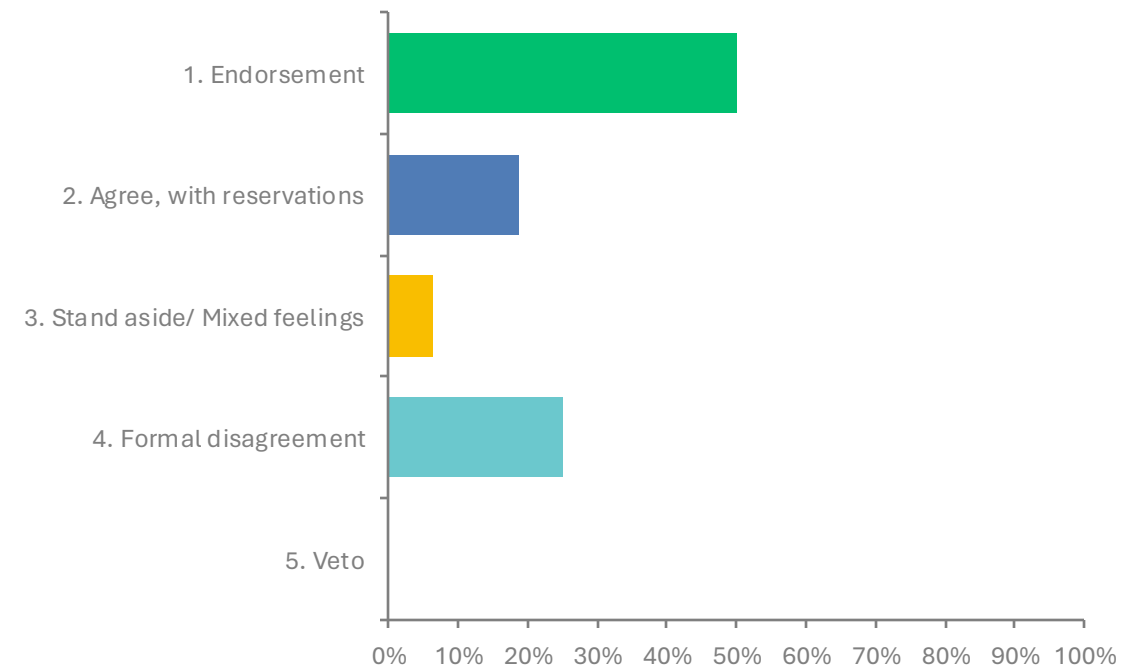
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. I do not support exemptions for pre-disturbance surveys for Table C-3 wildlife species under any circumstances. Especially when an activity is couched as a "restoration treatment". Part of what we're restoring are wildlife populations.



7-11 STD: In Matrix, use timber harvest to proactively manage managed stands to increase stand heterogeneity and provide for a long-term supply of timber products. Subsequent timber harvest of planted stands is encouraged.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	50.0%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	18.75%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	6.25%	1
4. Formal disagreement	25.00%	4
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





7-11 STD: In Matrix, use timber harvest to proactively manage managed stands to increase stand heterogeneity and provide for a long-term supply of timber products. Subsequent timber harvest of planted stands is encouraged.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (4)

1. Proactively manage managed stands.
2. I can support if "timber harvest using ecological forestry principles".
3. I need some clarity on what this actually means.
4. I don't understand how the last line fits in.

Propose alternative recommendation language (4):

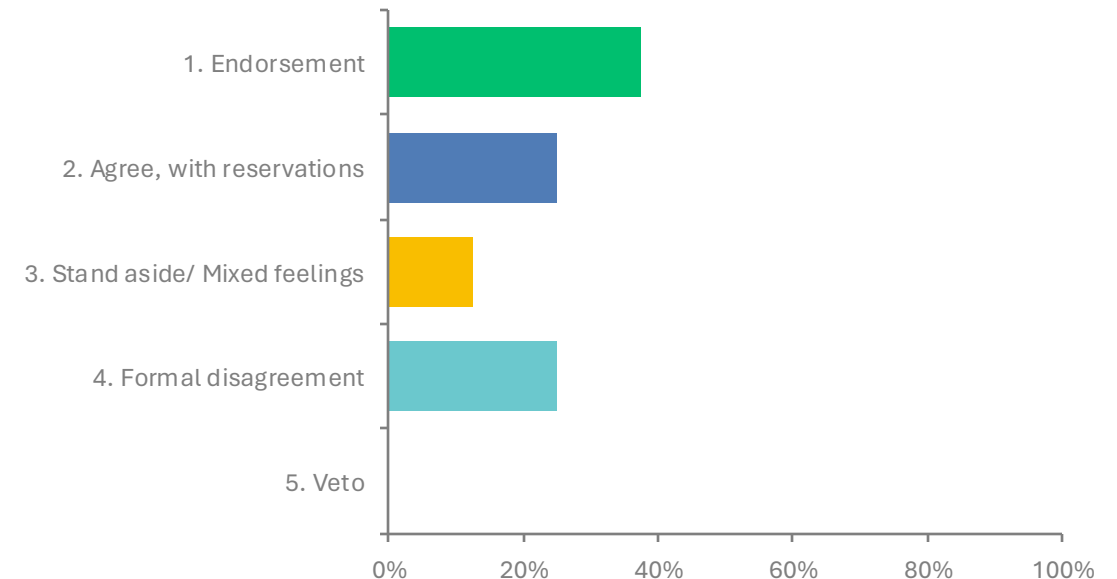
1. Proactively manage previously managed stands.
2. Revise to "...timber harvests using ecological forestry principles..."
3. I need some clarity on what this actually means.
4. STD: In Matrix, use timber harvest to proactively manage managed stands to increase stand heterogeneity and provide for a long-term supply of timber products.



7-12 STD: Active management in Timber Harvest Stands, shall be implemented to accomplish one or more of the following:

- ~~a. Facilitate development of future Old Forest and increase connectivity of Old Forest;~~
- b. Increase heterogeneity of forest structure and composition;
- c. Improve growth and vigor of residual trees;
- d. Reduce likelihood of loss from fire, insects, and disease;
- e. Create diverse habitat, including early seral habitat;
- f. Mitigate risk of fire that threatens communities or Old Forest; or
- g. Generate wood products

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	37.50%	6
2. Agree, with reservations	25.00%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	12.50%	2
4. Formal disagreement	25.00%	4
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





7-12 STD: Active management in Timber Harvest Stands, shall be implemented to accomplish one or more of the following...

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (4)

1. Active management shouldn't include wood product solely.
2. This a very extensive list and while I agree, seems very prescriptive for a forest plan amendment.
3. Facilitate development of future Old Forest and increase connectivity of Old Forest; If the Timber Harvest Stands are all managed to develop old forests that can then not be harvested, where is the future sustainable predictable supply of wood products going to be?
4. Including "a" in the list, since "a" is a standard unique to LSRs.

Propose alternative recommendation language (4):

1. Eliminate 'g' entirely or combine with another option.
2. STD: Active management in Timber Harvest Stands shall provide wood products, including commercial and non-commercial products, and create a healthy and diverse forest with structural and age class variability that is resilient to disturbance.
3. Remove a. from recommendation.
4. Drop "a" from the list.

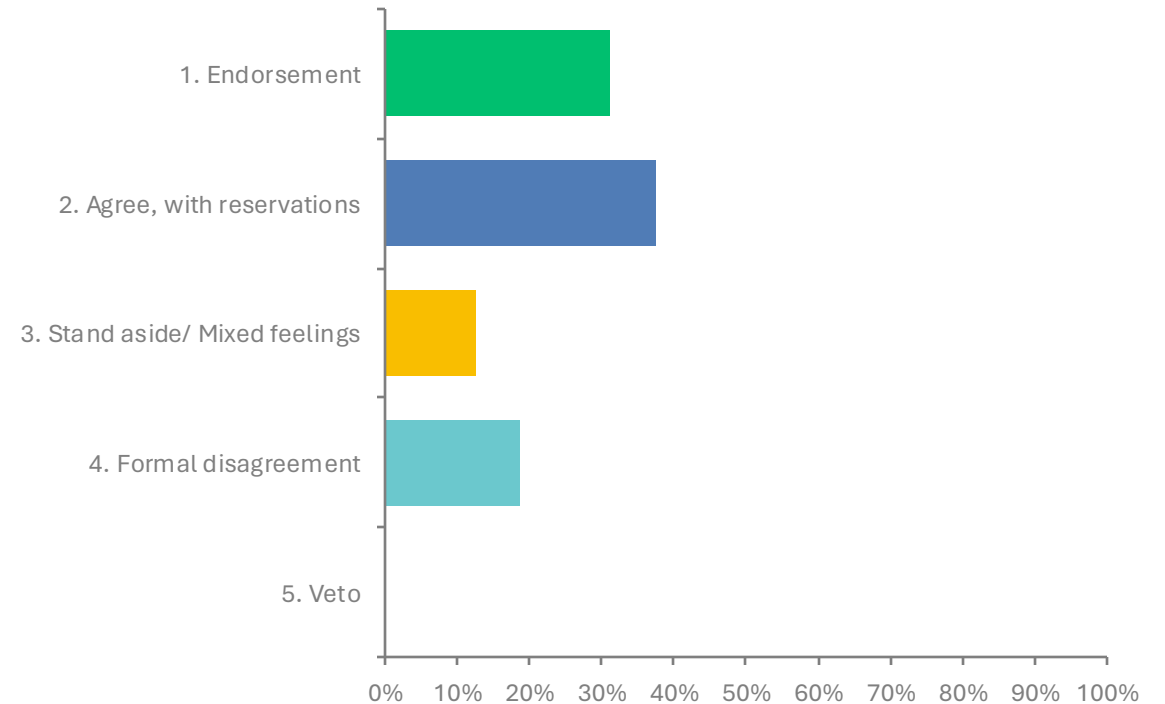
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

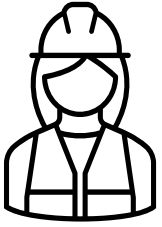
1. Active management should take place for a variety of reasons that should be determined at the forest level.



7-15 SUIT: The Matrix is suitable for the removal of trees for wood fiber use and other multiple-use purposes and the purposeful growing, tending, harvesting, and regeneration of regulated crops of trees to be cut into logs, bolts, or other round sections for industrial or consumer use.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	31.25%	5
2. Agree, with reservations	37.50%	6
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	12.50%	2
4. Formal disagreement	18.75%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





7-15 SUIT: The Matrix is suitable for the removal of trees for wood fiber use and other multiple-use purposes and the purposeful growing, tending, harvesting, and regeneration of regulated crops of trees to be cut into logs, bolts, or other round sections for industrial or consumer use.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. SUIT: The Matrix is suitable for the removal of trees for wood fiber use and other multiple-use purposes and the purposeful growing, tending, harvesting, and regeneration of regulated crops of trees to be cut into logs, bolts, or other round sections for industrial or consumer use.
2. I don't understand this one. Need to discuss rationale.
3. Wording is a little clunky and it seems to be at odds with some of the other recommendations that focus more on managing plantations and ecological forestry.

Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. SUIT: Exclusive of mature and old forest stands, stands within the Matrix are suitable for the removal of trees for wood fiber use and other multiple-use purposes and the purposeful growing, tending, harvesting, and regeneration of regulated crops of trees to be cut into logs, bolts, or other round sections for industrial or consumer use.
2. I don't understand this one. Need to discuss rationale.
3. The Matrix is suitable for the purposeful growing, tending and harvesting of trees for industrial or consumer use and other multiple use purposes.



SUPPORTED

✓ 7-7

✓ 7-8

✓ 7-13

✓ 7-14

Opportunity to address additional line edits on supported recommendations.

Section 1

Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Tribal Treaty, Reserved
and Other Similar Tribal Rights, and Trust
Responsibilities



Tribal Inclusion and Honoring Tribal Treaty, Reserved and Other Similar Tribal Rights, and Trust Responsibilities

✓ 17 Respondents

146 Recommendations

15 SUPPORTED

0 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

131 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



SUPPORTED

TRIBAL INCLUSION

✓ 1-1

✓ 1-9

✓ 1-2

✓ 1-10

✓ 1-3

✓ 1-11

✓ 1-4

✓ 1-12

✓ 1-5

✓ 1-13

✓ 1-6

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✓ 1-8



NOT SUPPORTED

TRIBAL INCLUSION

The remaining 131 recommendations have been vetoed in the temperature check survey with a request for further discussion. Reasons for indicating veto include:

- Some may be better addressed through Leadership Commitments rather than in amendment.
- It's hard to review these recommendations with how much duplication there is.
- Additional discussion is needed before feeling comfortable supporting these recommendations.

Section 10

Designate & Steward Community Protection Zones



Designate and Steward Community Protection Zones

✓ 16 Respondents

7 Recommendations

3 SUPPORTED

1 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

3 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



SUPPORTED

✓ 10-1

✓ 10-4

✓ 10-6



NOT SUPPORTED

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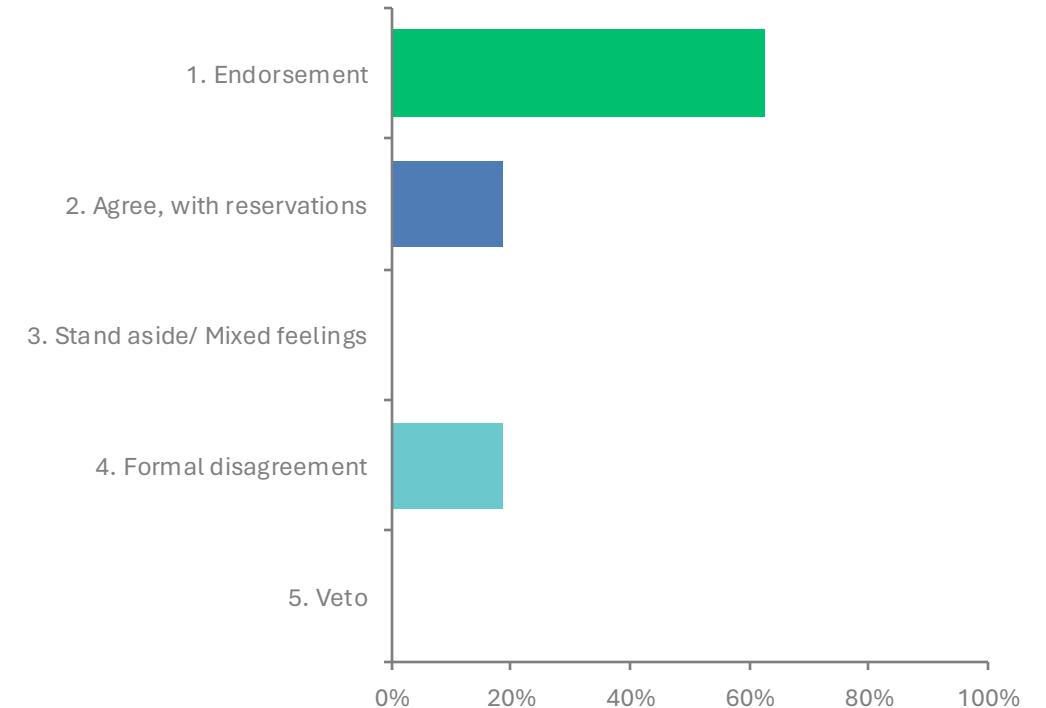
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10-2 OBJ: Within three years all Forests will establish Community Protection Zones based on wildfire and disturbance analytics and community collaborative engagement. Delineation of Community Protection Zones will include assessment of public lands and private lands surrounding communities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	62.50%	10
2. Agree, with reservations	18.75%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	18.75%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		16





10-2 OBJ: Within three years all Forests will establish Community Protection Zones based on wildfire and disturbance analytics and community collaborative engagement. Delineation of Community Protection Zones will include assessment of public lands and private lands surrounding communities.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. Number of years to achieve.
2. Why are we basing this requirement on community collaborative engagement ? Also, this seems similar to the Community Wildfire Protection Plans, why are we asking the FS to re-do this work?
3. This is not an objective. The plan amendment should set the geographical extent of the CPZs - this is not a process that Forests undertake: instead, it is an exercise performed now, as part of the amendment.

Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

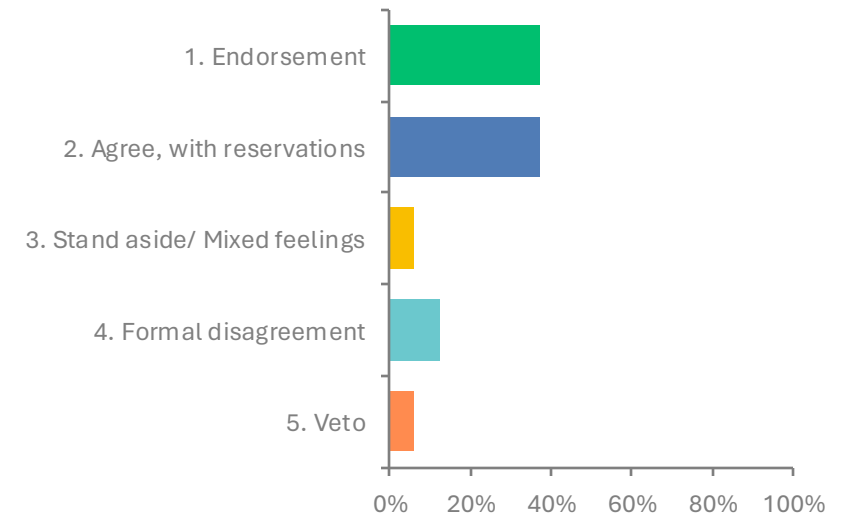
1. Within five years all Forests will establish Community Protection Zones based on wildfire and disturbance analytics and community collaborative engagement. Delineation of Community Protection Zones will include assessment of public lands and private lands surrounding communities.
2. OBJ: Within three years all Forests will establish Community Protection Zones based on wildfire and disturbance analytics.
3. There is no alternative language to provide. The USFS should identify criteria for what constitutes a CPZ, maps it as part of the amendment, and proscribes management limitations through plan components for how the CPZs will be managed.



10-3 STD: Delineation of resources included in Community Protection Zones can be revised in the course of site-specific project planning and shall include but not be limited to:

- Transportation infrastructure
- Facilities including but not limited to communications equipment, dams, power generation, and power transmission infrastructure.
- Forest stands at high risk of transmitting catastrophic disturbance that threaten the built environment, and where common silvicultural techniques including thinning and prescribed fire can effectively manage risk.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	37.50%	6
2. Agree, with reservations	37.50%	6
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	6.25%	1
4. Formal disagreement	12.50%	2
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





10-3 STD: Delineation of resources included in Community Protection Zones can be revised in the course of site-specific project planning and shall include but not be limited to...

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

1. STD: Delineation of resources included in Community Protection Zones can be revised in the course of site-specific project planning and shall include but not be limited to:
2. This is not a standard. Furthermore, land use allocations, which this is, cannot be changed in project-level decisionmaking under the 2012 planning rule.

Propose alternative recommendation language (2):

1. I just don't understand this STD and what it means or is intended to do. It's a language deficiency but I'm not sure how to fix it.
2. This is a mapping exercise the USFS needs to do as part of the amendment and develop plan components that direct management in those areas.

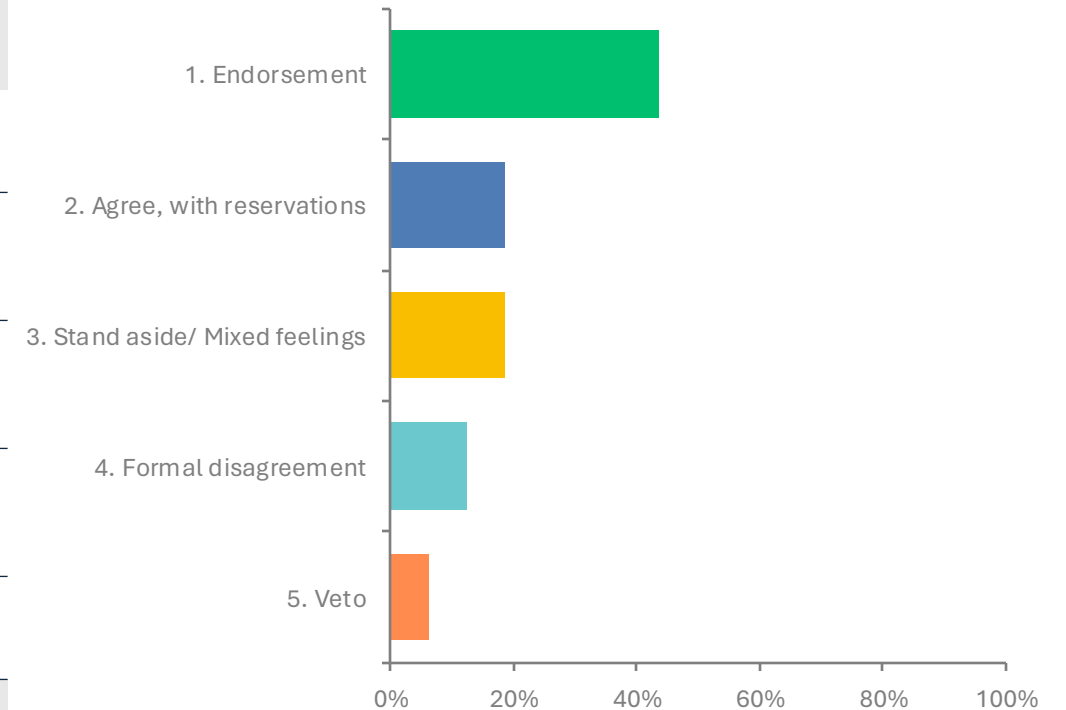
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. I don't understand what this standard is trying to accomplish and it seems very prescriptive. Shouldn't the communities have a say in how these zones are established?



10-5 GOAL: Within identified Community Protection Zones, alleviate Survey and Manage requirements to prioritize goals for community protection and resilience to wildfire, floods, other events. Develop flexibility for logical exceptions to existing Standards and Guidelines in order to support Community Protection Zones.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	43.75%	7
2. Agree, with reservations	18.75%	3
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	18.75%	3
4. Formal disagreement	12.50%	2
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





10-5 GOAL: Within identified Community Protection Zones, alleviate Survey and Manage requirements to prioritize goals for community protection and resilience to wildfire, floods, other events. Develop flexibility for logical exceptions to existing Standards and Guidelines in order to support Community Protection Zones.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (2)

1. GOAL: Within identified Community Protection Zones, alleviate Survey and Manage requirements to prioritize goals for community protection and resilience to wildfire, floods, other events. Develop flexibility for logical exceptions to existing Standards and Guidelines in order to support Community Protection Zones.
2. What is a "local exception"? What does "alleviate survey and manage requirements" mean?

Propose alternative recommendation language (2):

1. GOAL: Within identified Community Protection Zones, prioritize goals for community protection and resilience to wildfire, floods, other events. Develop flexibility for logical exceptions to existing Standards and Guidelines in order to support Community Protection Zones.
2. Needs to be redrafted to comply with the 2012 rule.

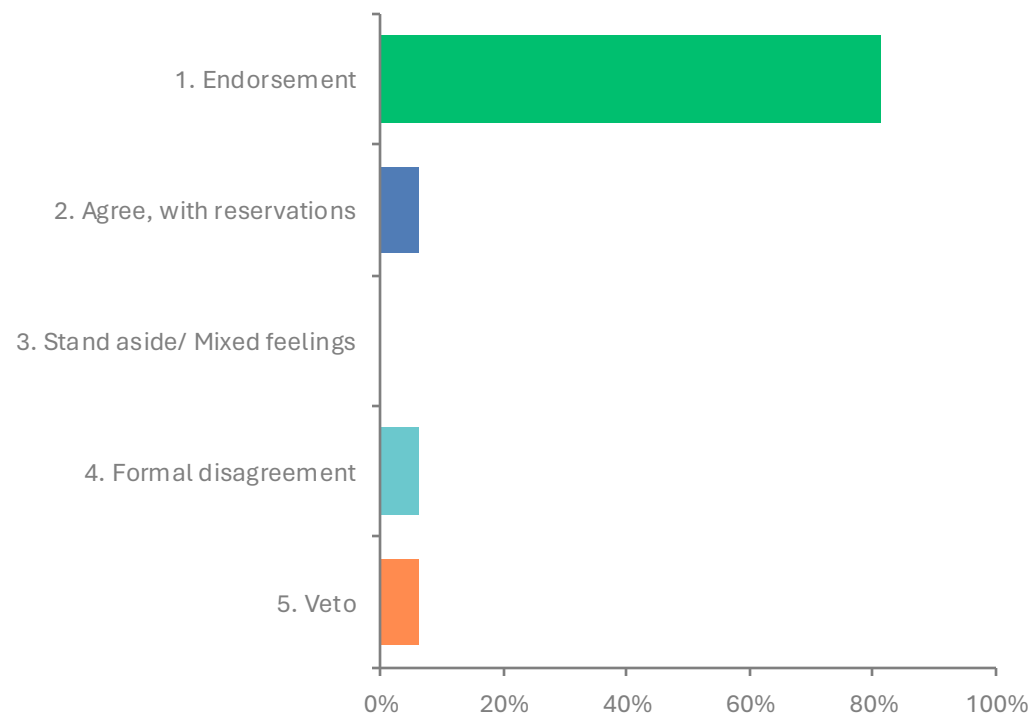
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. I don't disagree here but am confused on the language of the goal, what does it mean to develop flexibility for logical exceptions to existing standards and guidelines?



10-7 GOAL: Facilitate planning for community disaster preparedness and evacuation.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	81.25%	13
2. Agree, with reservations	6.25%	1
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	6.25%	1
5. Veto	6.25%	1
TOTAL		16





10-7 GOAL: Facilitate planning for community disaster preparedness and evacuation.

Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

1. It's too vague as a GOAL

Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. Maybe define facilitation, and how it looks fundamentally. Goal needs to be more described

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. This comes back to FS capacity. Currently, each county should have an emergency coordinator and this planning should be done at the community level in coordination with the FS but not facilitated by the FS.



SUPPORTED

✓ 10-1

✓ 10-4

✓ 10-6

Opportunity to address additional line edits on supported recommendations.

Section 11

Remove Barriers for
Adaptive Management Areas



Remove Barriers for Adaptive Management Areas

✓ 17 Respondents

4 Alternative Recommendations

2 SUPPORTED

1 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

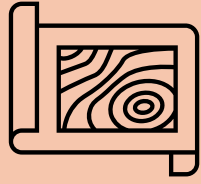
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SUPPORTED

✓ Alternative 11-1

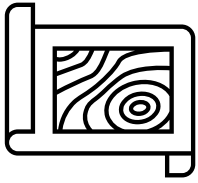
✓ Alternative 11-3



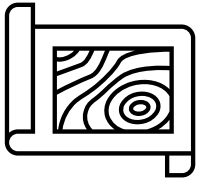
NOT SUPPORTED

Alternative 11-2

Alternative 11-4

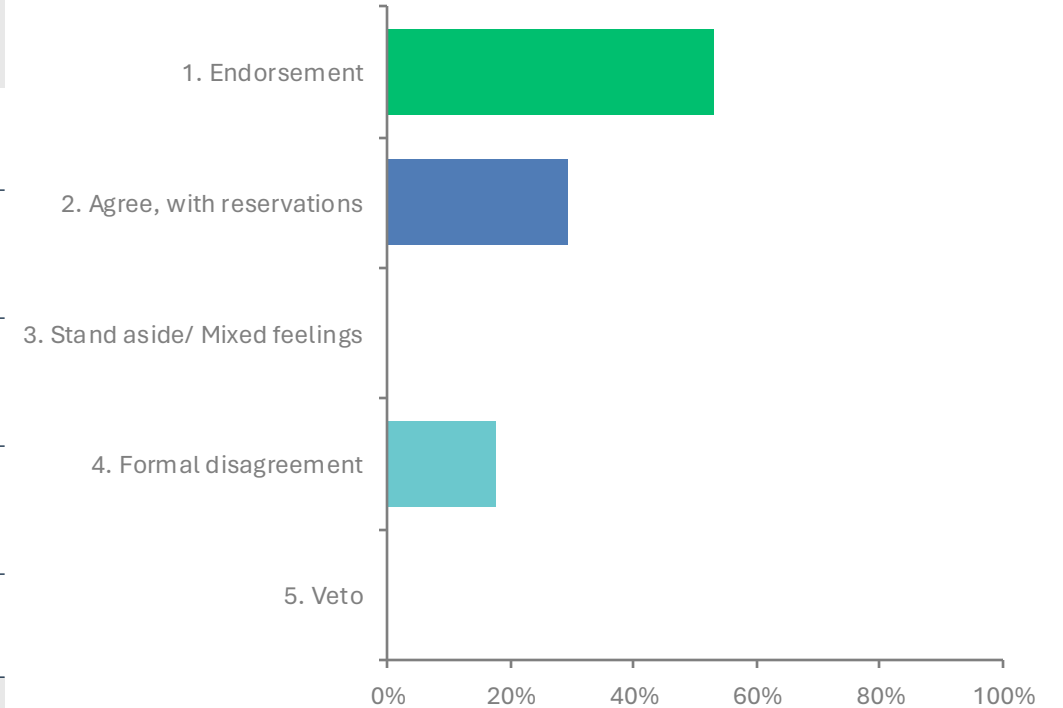


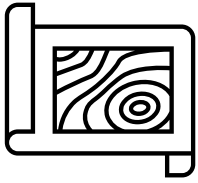
Alt 11-2: The Committee recommends that the Forest Service embrace the adaptive management concept across a broader planning area, e.g., in AMAs, riparian reserves, and matrix LUAs, re-orienting adaptive management as a core framework for the NWFP region as a whole. In doing so, the Forest Service removes existing barriers to adaptive management actions listed for the AMA LUAs (see for example ideas in Appendix B [AMAs redline document]), and in parallel re-allocates lands within existing AMA LUAs to Accelerated Restoration Areas that in partnership with the matrix LUA meet socio-economic and ecosystems goals associated with working landscapes in line with support for community livelihoods, sustainable wood supply, and ecosystem conservation and adaptation. The focus of adaptive management projects in AMAs, riparian reserves, and matrix LUAs could include but is not limited to topics of climate change resistance, resilience, mitigation and adaptation; fire adapted landscapes and communities; restoration of non-forested habitats; Tribal co-stewardship for ecocultural restoration; ecological forestry approaches, variable retention harvest, and variable density thinning. *Intent: Re-orient adaptive management across the Plan region, remove barriers e.g., in redline document, and specifically point to Accelerated Restoration Areas as a new focus for existing AMAs to meet socio-economic and ecosystem goals.*



Alt 11-2: The Committee recommends that the Forest Service embrace the adaptive management concept across a broader planning area, e.g., in AMAs, riparian reserves, and matrix LUAs, re-orienting adaptive management as a core framework for the NWFP region as a whole...

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	52.94%	9
2. Agree, with reservations	29.41%	5
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	0%	0
TOTAL		17

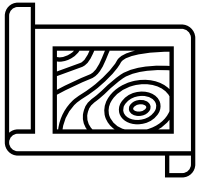




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Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

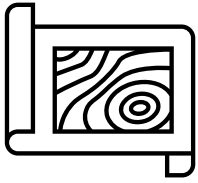
1. We haven't developed any clear expectations or recommendations for the newly named Accelerated Restoration Areas. I don't want to reference an incomplete document that hasn't been vetted.
2. Riparian reserves (mentioned in 2 places), variable retention harvest, and variable density thinning.
3. The AMAs have been a failure. This alternative suggests we expand that failure to the whole landscape. Simple suggesting that we focus on accelerated restoration, meeting socio-economic goals, etc. doesn't make it so.



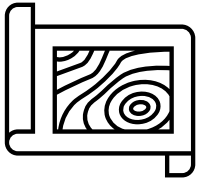
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Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. The Committee recommends that the Forest Service embrace the adaptive management concept across a broader planning area, e.g., in AMAs, riparian reserves, matrix and late successional reserve LUAs, re-orienting adaptive management as a core framework for the NWFP region as a whole. In doing so, the Forest Service removes existing barriers to adaptive management actions listed for the AMA LUAs. The focus of adaptive management projects in AMAs, riparian reserves, matrix and late successional reserves LUAs could include but is not limited to topics of climate change resistance, resilience, mitigation and adaptation; fire adapted landscapes and communities; restoration of non-forested habitats; Tribal co-stewardship for ecocultural restoration; ecological forestry approaches, variable retention harvest, and variable density thinning.
2. Remove all recommendations for riparian reserves. This is outside the scope of the NOI and the USFS has already committed to the public that management direction within riparian reserves will not be modified by this amendment. Remove "variable retention harvest, and variable density thinning." Way too specific for this level of recommendation. This whole statement is very verbose and needs editing.
3. This recommendation doesn't seem fixable to me.

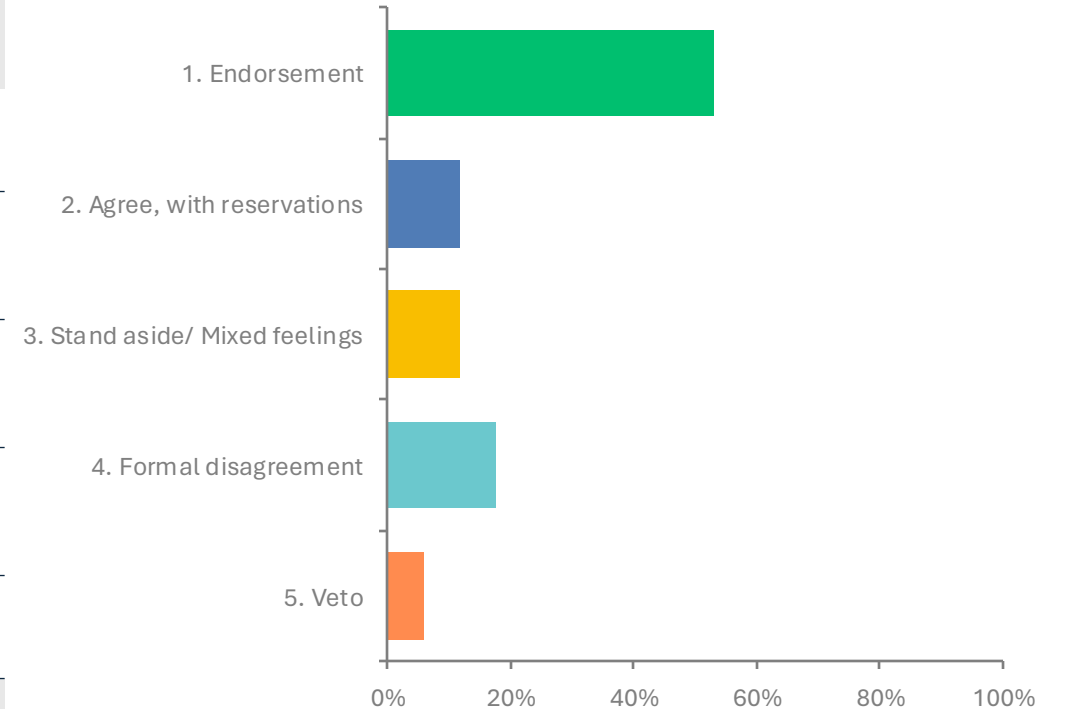


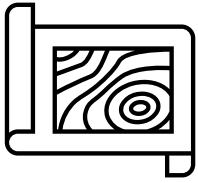
Alt 11-4: The Committee recommends that the Forest Service embrace the adaptive management concept across the broader planning area, e.g., in all LUAs (AMAs, riparian reserves, matrix, LSRs), re-orienting adaptive management as a core framework for the NWFP region as a whole. In doing so, the Forest Service removes existing barriers to adaptive management actions listed for the AMA LUAs (see for example ideas in Appendix B [AMAs redline document]), and in parallel re-allocates lands within existing AMA LUAs to Accelerated Restoration Areas that in partnership with the matrix LUA meet socio-economic and ecosystems goals associated with working landscapes in line with support for community livelihoods, sustainable wood supply, and ecosystem conservation and adaptation. The Forest Service identifies development of a new Adaptive Management Program with engagement from Tribes, communities, agencies, research scientists, interested parties to collaboratively identify a minimum of one core adaptive management project in each Forest unit across the Planning Region. *Intent: Re-orient adaptive management across the Plan region including ALL LUAs, remove barriers e.g., in redline document, specifically point to Accelerated Restoration Areas as a new focus for existing AMAs, and identify a new Adaptive Management Program with collaborative engagement on at minimum one project per unit.*



Alt 11-4: The Committee recommends that the Forest Service embrace the adaptive management concept across the broader planning area, e.g., in all LUAs (AMAs, riparian reserves, matrix, LSRs), re-orienting adaptive management as a core framework for the NWFP region as a whole...

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	52.94%	9
2. Agree, with reservations	11.76%	2
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.76%	2
4. Formal disagreement	17.65%	3
5. Veto	5.88%	1
TOTAL		17





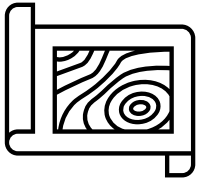
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Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (3)

1. Again, we're referencing an incomplete, unvetted document in the red-line. It's not complete with outstanding questions and no input from the rest of the committee. We should drop any reference to an incomplete document as a recommendation.
2. Delete all of it.
3. Same comment as before. This just suggests that the Forest Service somehow somehow make the AMAs work.

Propose alternative recommendation language (3):

1. Drop the red line reference. If we want to make a recommendation about "Accelerated Restoration Areas," define what the management goals would be.
2. This is a Forest Plan Revision-level recommendation and far exceeds the mandate of a narrow, targeted Amendment as identified in the NOI. How did we even get here?
3. No suggestions.



Alt 11-4: The Committee recommends that the Forest Service embrace the adaptive management concept across the broader planning area, e.g., in all LUAs (AMAs, riparian reserves, matrix, LSRs), re-orienting adaptive management as a core framework for the NWFP region as a whole...

Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. Veto: Reallocating ARA is a no for me, nor the mentioned or inclusion of tribal leadership



SUPPORTED

✓ Alternative 11-1

✓ Alternative 11-3

Opportunity to address additional line edits on supported recommendations.

WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
and Where We Go From Here

WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

- Coordinate sub-committee meetings to review Forest Service feedback
- Determine May public meeting for final vote on recommendations
- Submit final recommendations to Forest Service
- Move into next phase of FAC work, Leadership Commitment Recommendations

SLIDES TO REVIEW DURING UPCOMING PLENARY SESSIONS

- Address Climate Change Effects on Recreation

Section 6

Address Climate Change Effects on Recreation



Address Climate Change Effects on Recreation Overview

✓ 18 Respondents

11 Recommendations

6 SUPPORTED

0 FORMAL DISAGREEMENT (3+)

5 NOT SUPPORTED (Veto)



SUPPORTED

✓ 6-1

✓ 6-2

✓ 6-5

✓ 6-6

✓ 6-8

✓ 6-10



NOT SUPPORTED

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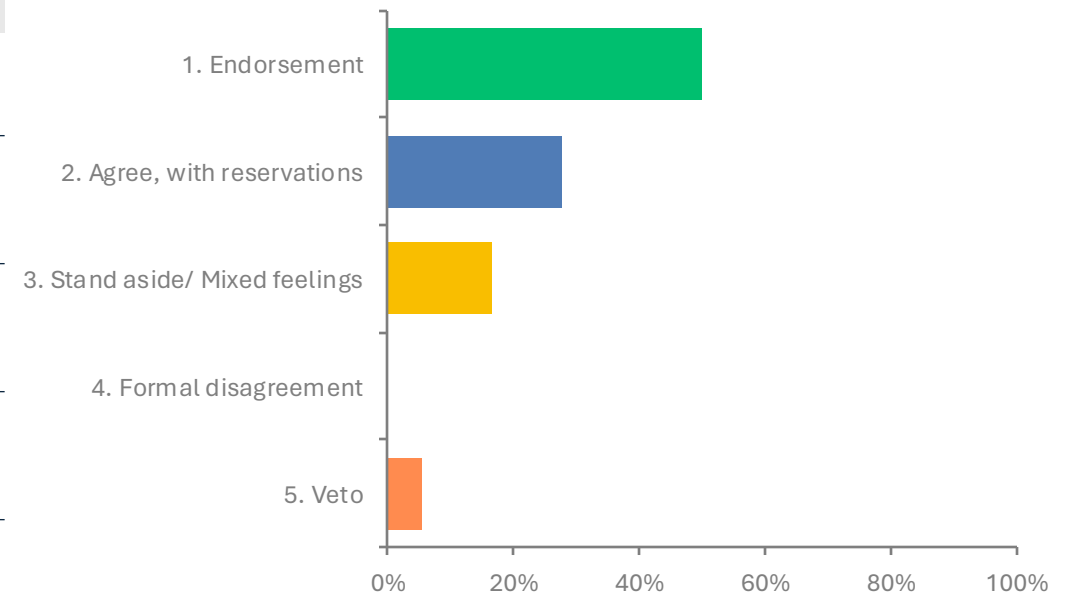
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6-3 DC: Forest health and fuels treatment projects avoid negative impacts to recreation infrastructure to the greatest effect possible and rehabilitate trails and other recreation infrastructure when impacts are unavoidable.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	50.00%	9
2. Agree, with reservations	27.78%	5
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	16.66%	3
4. Formal disagreement	0.00%	0
5. Veto	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18





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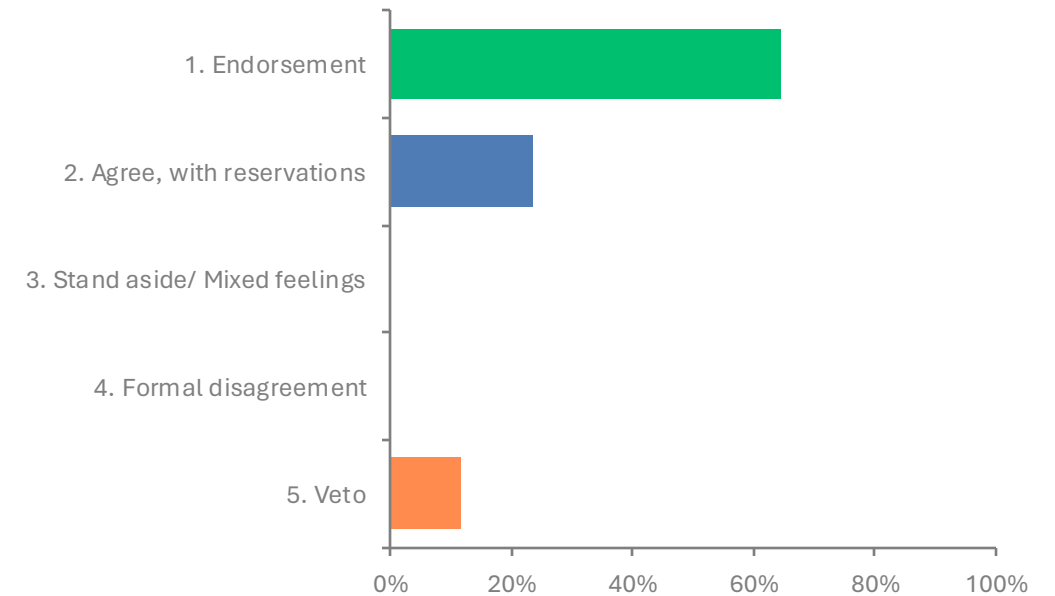
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. This is so ambiguous. Often litigation is filed against forest health treatments under the premise that recreation is harmed by any change to the "viewshed" if active management is practiced within sight of a "recreation area." No. This is a terrible precedent. You can't do restoration, forest health treatments or projects without some "negative impact" to someone.



6-4 DC: Forest restoration projects contribute to the sustainability of the social and economic values of local communities, including recreation opportunities. The duration and extent of recreational closures are reduced as a result of fuels treatment and wildfire management activities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	66.67%	12
2. Agree, with reservations	22.22%	4
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	0%	0
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	11.11%	2
TOTAL		18





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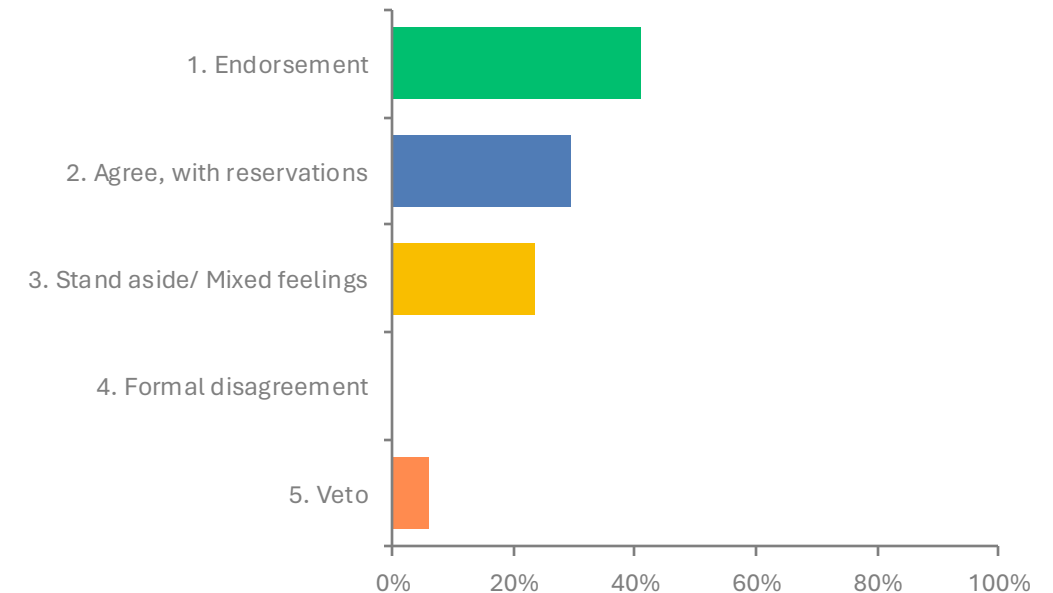
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (2)

1. The specific intention in this DC is out of our bucketing/scope. Additionally, first and second sentences don't compliment each other (first focused on economic needs; second focused on extensive closures).. If we do use this, needs to create separate DSs or integrate more collectively.
2. It's factually incorrect and appears to put the blame on rec closures to work in the woods, instead of fire.



6-7 OBJ: Conduct an assessment within three to five years of climate-related impacts to trails and other recreation infrastructure in need of rehabilitation following climate-related disturbances like floods and wildfires.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	44.44%	8
2. Agree, with reservations	27.78%	5
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	22.22%	4
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18





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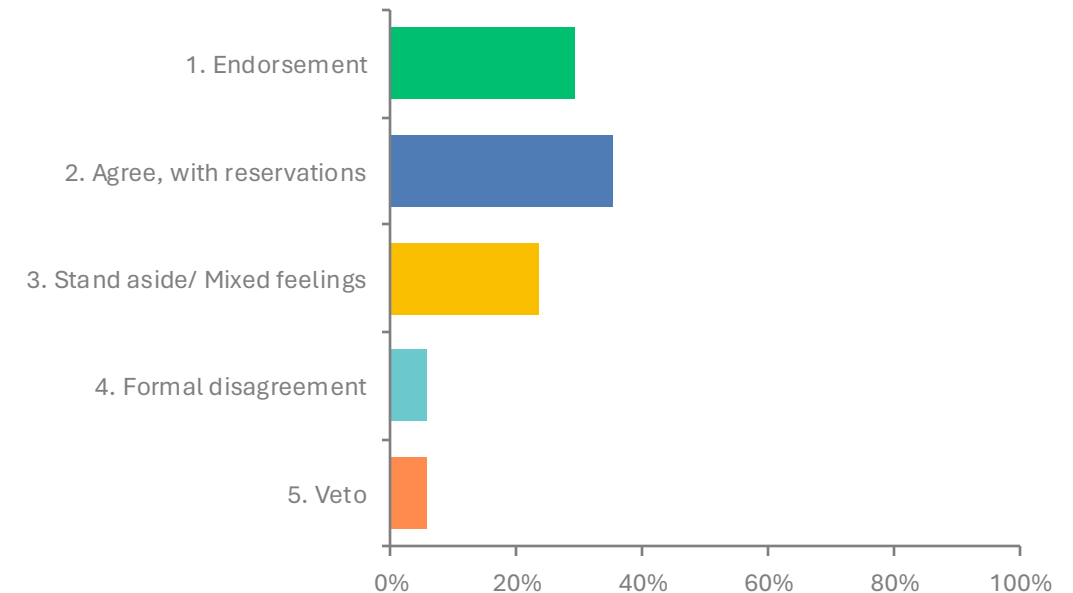
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

- This seems wildly outside the very narrow scope of the amendment as identified within the NOI. A new burden that the agency has no \$ for.



6-9 GDL: The Forest should, to the greatest extent possible, use warnings and other risk mitigation methods other than closures for areas and sites impacted by climate-related disturbances like wildfire and floods. When mitigation by other means does not reduce risk to acceptable levels, targeted closures should be limited to the smallest temporal and spatial extent possible.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	33.33%	6
2. Agree, with reservations	33.33%	6
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	22.22%	4
4. Formal disagreement	5.56%	1
5. Veto	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18





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Formal disagreement: What part of the recommendation do you disagree with (1)

1. All of it. Aren't there specific policies in place already about risk assessment and mitigation during weather/fire events. Is this even necessary?

Propose alternative recommendation language (1):

1. Again, this seems widely outside the scope of the NOI.

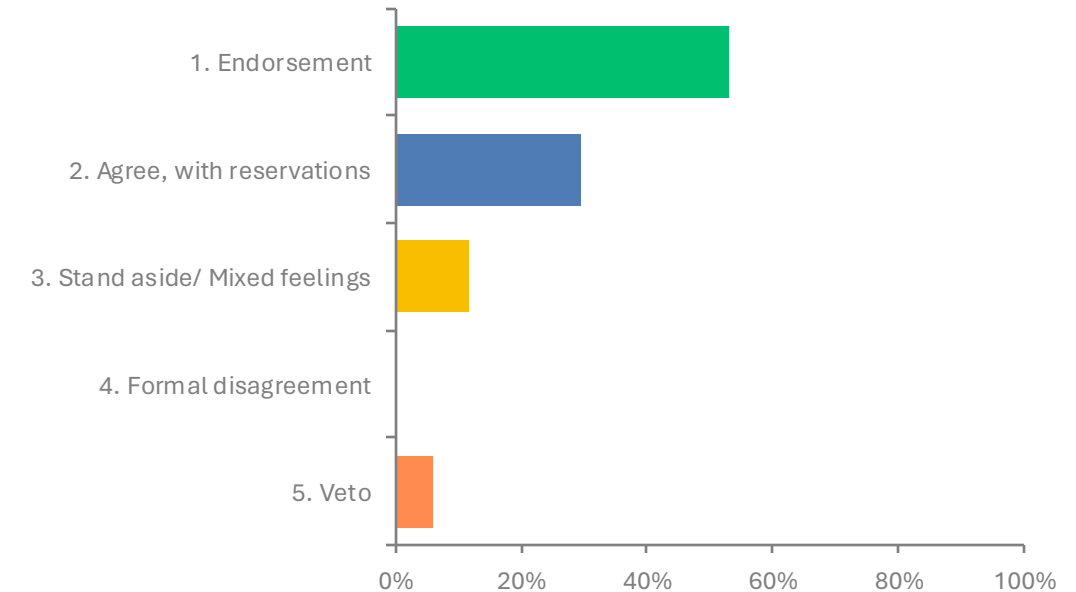
Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. This seems widely outside the scope of the NOI. Is it even necessary? Seems like there's already policy guidance in place for emergency management response & risk management.



6-11 MA: Assess human-caused ignitions and implement prevention activities that reduce the likelihood of the most common human-caused ignition sources.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Endorsement	55.56%	10
2. Agree, with reservations	27.77%	5
3. Stand aside/ Mixed feelings	11.11%	2
4. Formal disagreement	0%	0
5. Veto	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18





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Veto: Why do you feel this recommendation should be vetoed? (1)

1. There needs to be more nuance in the wording to recognize that "human-caused" ignitions could technically include prescribed fire and cultural burning.



SUPPORTED

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- ✓ 6-2
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Opportunity to address additional line edits on supported recommendations.