



# Socio-Economic Issues

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## **Eligible Objectors & Interested Persons for this issue:**

- Teck Washington, Inc., Pend Oreille Operations
- Sierra Club/Alliance for the Wild Rockies
- The Lands Council
- Ferry County Commissioners
- Williamson Consulting
- Northeast Washington Forest Coalition

## **Objections:**

- The final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) does not adequately consider the implications of the revised Land Management Plan (LMP) on the mining-related economic sector, particularly the potential negative economic impacts of recommended wilderness on mining.
- The FEIS fails to present an economic analysis that considers the direct, indirect, and cumulative costs of roads.
- The externalized costs of the existing and subsequent environmental damage due to management actions and other human activities are not adequately considered in the FEIS.
- The FEIS does not assess the economic efficiencies by alternative.
- Ecosystem services were not properly analyzed in the FEIS.
- The revised LMP expresses a basic misunderstanding of the economic contribution of livestock grazing on public lands compared to its costs.
- The negative effects of recommended wilderness on the economic activities in Ferry County are not adequately considered or disclosed. The positive economic effects of wilderness are not considered or disclosed.
- Inadequate and outdated information are used in the economic assessment.
- The socio-economic impact review on the local economy is inadequate in the revised LMP.
- There was no map or description of the economic impact zone.
- The FEIS missed several economic analysis considerations.

## **Resolution Options Proposed by Objectors:**

- Complete a more detailed socio-economic analysis in the FEIS that includes references to scientific literature and other data sources. On page 616 of the FEIS Census data is described as being out of date and not adequate for consideration in the FEIS. There should be an amendment to the FEIS to draw more on recent Census Data and other studies previously mentioned. [Williamson Consulting]
- Include a map or description of the socioeconomic impact zone. [Northeast Washington Forest Coalition]
- Include an economic analysis that considers the direct, indirect, and cumulative costs of roads. [Sierra Club/Alliance for the Wild Rockies]