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**Conveyance Scoping Comment Compilation
EMPLOYEES**

Wait until capital improvement funds are available – would keep facilities together for efficiency, safety, conservation. Government should maintain government facilities. Consider selling other Forest properties such as Bryan Flats and Nelson Drive. Sell only 5 acres – if necessary, don't rely on that sale to fund everything we need – the need for capital improvement funds would be much less if the 5 acre sale covered the SO/District Offices.

Replace trailers on-site with manufactured homes clustered.

Goals should be environmental efficiency, central location of all facilities, employee safety/coordination, public convenience, efficient use of BTNF finances and available properties.

Don't develop Cache wetlands habitat.

Work with neighbors at Nelson regarding landscaping.

Use native plants as much as possible.

See if Nelson neighbors prefer natural colors for trailers – don't charge homeowners.

Keep horse corrals, ATV and snowmobile storage in Jackson – time, money, gas if at Cottonwood.

Preserve open space especially at Nelson – keep current housing at Cache and use space more efficiently at Nelson.

Don't move fire to Cottonwood – response time, safety, communications, operating costs.

Cache sight should have space for expanded dispatch and customer service/reception in case agreement with Refuge changes.

Concern about timing of losing seasonal housing (trailers) on Rosencrans and new housing.

Short-sighted to sell public land to finance facilities – use CIP funds.

If housing is needed, don't sell the land we could build on.

Selling off land to developer will reduce open space, and compromise water quality and habitat.

Crowding more housing into Nelson does not “improve the housing situation.”

Conveyance will increase operating costs not covered by the conveyance.

Sell as little land as possible.

Change zoning before sale to increase value.

Consider selling Bryan Flat or Bryan and Nelson.

Use multi-story construction.

Need storage for horse trailers, tack, hay, fuel, snowmobiles.

Consider how horses will be fed if moved.

Trailers should be eliminated – inefficient.

Use energy efficient, multi-story duplexes.

Single family homes should be durable and energy efficient.

Moving the fire cache to Cottonwood is inefficient – page of reasons.

Keep as much land as possible.

Keep as many facilities together as possible.

Consider the cost of driving when facilities are dispersed.
Build more efficiently on the land we have.
The stock program is critical to the recreation and range programs of the Jackson District – the current location works well for many reasons, especially care and feeding of the horses – I strongly advocate moving horse facilities to Nelson Drive – Cottonwood is not viable. Bryan Flat is a possibility has many associated costs (\$35,550 for 5 month season).
Not our mission to sell public land.
Sell as little as possible.
Consider selling less land and renovating SO w/District on site of log cabin.
Leave the trailers where they are (cost of moving).
Nelson Drive is prime wildlife habitat.
Nelson Drive road access is terrible.
New Nelson housing may have spring runoff problems (sluffing and sliding).
If trailers are moved to Nelson, they need adequate space between them.
Renovation is greener than tearing down buildings and filling landfills.
Common areas can cause conflicts; prefer private areas.
Keep horses at cache; Nelson hill could be dangerous when wet.
Cottonwood is inefficient and costly for Fire.
Sell no more than 5 acres at Cache to keep warehouses, tool shops, storage, horse facilities.
If 5 acres does not generate enough money, a proposal to build energy efficient offices might be favorably received as a public works project; consider selling Bryan Flat.
Develop Nelson as little as possible – use existing disturbed area.
Design Nelson so it addresses recreation use problems.
Consider investing in existing apartments throughout town or purchasing old motel like hospital did – there is no need for employees to live in the same area.
Moving facilities to Cottonwood is unsafe and inefficient – design to keep them here.
Use multi-story buildings at Cache.
Can an expert assess the viability of trailer moving – will old trailers withstand the move?
Keep the back end of the town site for us if it comes to that.
Keep open space as much as possible at Nelson – keep communicating with neighbors – some concern that they don't want trailers.
Land lines will be needed at Cottonwood – associated permitting issues.
No cell phone service at Cottonwood and radio communication is very bad – big issue for fire.
What can the existing sewer system handle at Cottonwood – improvement could be costly.
Consider effects to wetland habitat near Cottonwood.
The fire crew should live in Jackson.
Fire facilities should be brick not tin with offices not cubicles.
Fire facilities need room training (double the log cabin).
Fire facilities need space to park vehicles; wash area with cement slab.
Fire housing with shared rooms is a hard sell.
Keep the warehouses, Fire, and the horses at North Cache. Put the SO in Cottonwood