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I know there is going to be some worry about the interpretation, but I feel strongly we have a good interpretation and am ready to be a part of explaining it if needed. Let's just make sure we do quality NEPA and other analysis on the first ones.

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If people concentrated on the really important things in life there would be a shortage of fishing poles."

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As much as we can, we are adapting current prescriptions to take into account interspaces between groups and we have adjusted these prescriptions to consider group size and how we look at groups. Some of these prescriptions are currently being marked for implementation. One problem in making changes in what we are currently implementing on the ground is that the NEPA is already done for these projects. The original analysis and documentation generally looked at how we interpreted the goshawk guidelines in the forest plan in a different manner as we are currently looking at them. Depending on how specific the original environmental documents are, this often limits what we can immediately change without addending or revisiting past environmental documents.

For future projects that are just beginning or are in the analysis stage, we are considering applying many of the concepts and tools that we have recently discussed with Richard Reynolds and that were also discussed during the goshawk workshop. This will lead to a much more open forest over time than previous interpretations of the goshawk recommendations in the forest plans would have. I still worry that some environmental groups can still challenge us on whether we are correctly interpreting forest plan guidelines as they were originally intended.

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