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RE: Response to Public Review of Forest Service's Twisp Restoration Project

My comments on the proposal:

- First of all, this is a very impressive and wide-ranging proposal, and is important and necessary. Please take my comments as proposed changes.
- Phased approvals:
 - Separate decisions should be issued for each of the five phases of the project to allow for public input at each phase and decision point.
 - Incorporate an adaptive management strategy that allows course corrections along the way as new information becomes available.
- Forest Thinning:
 - Follow the direction outlined in the 2012 Forest Restoration Strategy and avoid logging trees over 20" in diameter.
 - Logging of any larger trees should be described as an exception to the rule.
 - Develop a clear monitoring and logging tracking program and develop measures to adapt the project over time.
- ATV Access:
 - The Forest Service should remove the ATV access component of the project and consider this proposal in a separate process.
- Old Growth, Roadless and potential Wilderness designated areas:
 - The Forest Service should not call for large fuel breaks in old-growth reserves and focus on thinning small trees from below in Roadless Areas.
 - Treatments in these old-growth protected areas should be consistent with Forest Service management objectives, permitting only thinning of small-diameter trees and avoiding new road construction and ground disturbing activities.
- Salvage Logging:
 - The Forest Service should not permit salvage logging in Roadless Areas due to impacts on the land and dubious value.

Thanks for your consideration,

--- Jerry (Gerald) Anderson