Hello,

Please find below 53 individualized comments regarding the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project #57353. These comments were written by Sierra Club constituents living in the states of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Let me know if you need any more information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Megan Giakas National Online Organizer Sierra Club <u>Megan.giakas@sierraclub.org</u>

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Protect our bears' habitat

Sincerely,

Jeanne Rosenbaum Boise, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

NO logging at the So Plateau Project! Our natural resources and habitat must be saved! Wildlife will not survive this ongoing threat!!!

Sincerely,

Bridgette Bruno Coram, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

This is absurd. Stop altering a National Parks.

Sincerely,

Carmen Sebastian Lolo, MT

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Nichole Loran Missoula, MT

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Sincerely,

Gerry Keane Missoula, MT

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Sincerely,

Molly Swabb Donnelly, ID

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Enough! Invest in change!

Sincerely,

Christopher Clarke Hamilton, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

We don't need logging in this area!

Sincerely,

Lori Graber Eagle, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please do your job of protecting our remaining habitat and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Karen Heeren Sheridan, WY

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Sincerely,

Quincie Albrecht Missoula, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Damage Grizzly Habitat

Grizzly habitat is incredibly important to the forest ecosystem, and I am concerned about the impact of logging roads. Creating new roads in important recovery areas could cause additional damage to the grizzly population, as well as elk and moose habitat.

Sincerely,

Erin Waldman Helena, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

This area is too important to log! It's pristine and wild. It will have great negative effect on that ecosystem. We just do not need this!!!!

Sincerely,

Scott Merrell Thompson Falls, MT

Re: Yellowstone Grizzly recovery area

Sound science indicates the horrific disruption to Grizzly bears by impacts from roads and noise. Besides Grizzlies, we know that other endangered species use these same adjacent forests. At a time when we are already losing so many trees to rapid climate heating, and at a time when we are seeing unprecedented dire die-off of so many species, this plan seems extremely careless and untimely. We must find alternative building materials and fast, and we must turn this climate disaster around faster. Please reconsider the adverse effects this clear cutting and thinning project will guarantee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Keenan Coeur D Alene, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

USFS is forgetting itself. The service must uphold the ESA if the Grizzly is to be protected from the adverse effects of road building, logging and climate change.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sullivan Livingston, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please protect grizzly bears and their forest, and all the wildlife that makes the south plateau so beautiful and unique and irreplaceable

Sincerely,

Rachell Mccolly Rachell, ID

Re: Protect prime grizzly habitat

Please withdraw from the South Plateau lighing project! As the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, the South Plateau area is heavily used by grizzly bears of all ages, both male and female. I am very concerned about the 57 miles of new 'temporary' roads that will be built over the next 15 years to accommodate logging. Roads are the biggest threat to grizzly bears and it makes no sense to add roads in the recovery zone. Decommissioning roads after use is often not effective in restricting human access. More logging in this area will also impact critical winter habitat for elk and moose. We need to recognize forests for the many benefits that they bring: helping to mitigate climate change and providing people with healing qualities and benefits to our mental and spiritual well being. Again, I urge you to please withdraw from the South Plateau logging project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Diana Hammer Helena, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

No logging, road building, and destruction of grizzly habitat near Yellowstone National Park.

Sincerely,

Robin Walker Florence, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

This is extremely important

Sincerely,

Sally Stansberry Missoula, MT

Re: NO NO NO to logging in Yellowstone

The grizzly habitat is essential!!! NO LOGGING!!!!

Sincerely,

Sandy Schott Kalispell, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

In addition to the impact on wildlife, this logging will not help climate change. STOP THIS PROJECT.

Sincerely,

Sheila Garvin Bozeman, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Dear congressional representatives, How many more houses will those trees provide? While the people living in them are dying due to climate change. Trees provide a cleaning system; even my third grade students learned/knew that! Please thoughtfully consider any and all decisions you make regarding Earth's resources. Respectfully, Sherril Bailey A concerned about our environment citizen You should be also!

Sincerely,

Sherril Bailey Rawlins, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Prioritize wildlife over profit!

Sincerely,

Kaycee Prevedel Laramie, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

I'm URGING you to do what's RIGHT and NOT go forward with this logging project. It WILL have IRREVERSIBLE, DEVASTATING affects on iconic wildlife, INCLUDING Grizzlies. The time is NOW for us to do EVERYTHING POSSIBLE to PROTECT our planet. Not DESTROY it.

Sincerely,

Mary Deane Moscow, ID

Re: Further endangering our grizzly population

I am very concerned with the USFS's plan to allow logging in prime grizzly habitat. It seems so counter intuitive for an organization whose main purpose is to protect our lands, animals, and wilderness areas. Please re-consider this plan. We need our forests and our wildlife m which will help in mitigating climate change.

Sincerely,

Patricia Rosenleaf Great Falls, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please consider the serious harm to the wildlife your project will cause if you allow this to proceed.

Sincerely,

Kjell Nyqvist Boise, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

I am concerned about the Forest Service's proposal to expand logging in the Yellowstone grizzly recovery area, which is heavily used by grizzlies. I'm concerned that adding temporary roads, which are a threat to gizzlies, will impact their population and movement. Elk and moose will also be affected since this area is critical winter habitat for them. In addition, keeping mature trees growing is essential for fighting climate change. Please withdraw the South Plateau logging project.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sant Moscow, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please do not authorize a logging and road building operation in the grizzly bear recovery zone. These animals face enormous challenges just surviving one day to the next. Let us not add any more problems to their lives than we already have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Kovalcik Bozeman, MT

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Sincerely,

Andrew Salter Jackson, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Hemp products are A LOT better than cutting trees down!!!

Sincerely,

Dave Sheppard Pinedale, WY

Re: No further actions by USFS should be permitted that would negatively affect the plants/animals within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

I am against any further timber management by the US Forest Service within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem that involves timber clearcuts/thinning or additional temporary/permanent road building. This area should remain as permanent buffer zone for plants/animals from the development of mankind outside this area.

Sincerely,

Stanley Strike Cody, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please do not do any logging at the area known as the South Plateau Project. This area is a Grizzly recovery area, as well as valuable wintering space for elk and moose. People who appreciate forestation and its inhabitants also would be deprived of this area adjacent to Yellowstone Natl. Park. This is a valuable space for people and animals. Please withdraw the South Plateau Logging Project. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra McGhee Butte, MT

Re: Please stop

Please stop chipping away at our eco systems.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Nolte Missoula, MT

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Jason Davis Missoula, MT
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Sustain the forest outside of Yellowstone

Sincerely,

Lisa Hardiman Great Falls, MT

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Please withdraw the South Plateau project as it will destroy grizzly bear habitat.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Anderson Boise, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please protect our endangered species all animals and bears thank you

Sincerely,

Keith Shepperson Casper, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

We can't afford to destroy critical grizzly bear habitat

Sincerely,

Loree Peery Spirit Lake, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Please do not continue with the South Plateau Project. It is not necessary, it will damage wildlife habitat and endanger the creatures that call it home, and it will accelerate climate change.

Sincerely,

Gloria Fiorini Torrington, WY

Re: No to the South Plateau Project and here's Why

Do not, I repeat, do not disturb grizzly habitat in And near Yellowstone. We cohabit this remarkable planet with amazing and precious creatures. Among the largest land animals are the grizzly bears. We have the capacity and responsibility to protect wild creatures and their natural habitats. Humans tend to be greedy and want more and more and more. We must speak for and protect the voiceless animals and stand up for them.

Sincerely,

Deborah Trowbridge Missoula, MT

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Please leave our wildness and wildlife alone! Above all the forest service should know bette!!!

Sincerely,

Cindy Langmo Cheyenne, WY

Re: We can't lose anymore forests

We need to build more forests and protect old growth forests.

Sincerely,

Mia Rognstad Lewiston, ID

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I am very concerned about habitat protection around Yellowstone National Park. I respectfully oppose the Forest Service's proposal to greatly expand logging and road building in the South Plateau area. As a Montana resid

Sincerely,

Marya Grathwohl Billings, MT

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Stop the logging! Save the bears!

Sincerely,

Linda Young Cheyenne, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Stop the destruction save the Bears by any means and their territory!

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Mary Owen Meridian, ID

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Sincerely,

Gina Waldon Buffalo, WY

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Whose idea was this? Are you not paying attention to what our planet is doing? This is unacceptable not only for humans but for all the animals that live within the logging area. Please reprioritize how we are spending tax payer monies and how this is going to affect habitat for these great beasts.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Daniels Hailey, ID

Re: South Plateau Project Will Cause Unacceptable Impacts to Grizzly Bears, Other Wildlife and Will Accelerate Climate Change

Bear habitat more important than logging

Sincerely,

Cliff Cunha Hailey, ID

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You are responsible for a public land trust. Protect it for all users, not just the ones who might profit from it. As the Biblical custodians of the planet, all we have done is vandalize it. At least this public land under your custody can be held sacred.

Sincerely,

Jerry Manning Boise, ID

Re: Do Not Log Near Yellowstone

Please do not log adjacent to Yellowstone National Park. The National Forest does tremendous logging near the park and we do not need more habitat destruction that is key grizzly territory. Leave the forest in tact to perform the various ecosystem services that are so integral to the thriving of the greater yellowstone ecosystem.

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Taylor Kwait Bozeman, MT

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Cody Davis Rathdrum, ID