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We have concerns about the project:

What are the impacts on birds that inhabit the area that could be clearcut for timber retrieval? How are the impacts of clear cutting being addressed (ie. the destruction of wildlife habitat, diminished water quality and erosion, the spread of noxious weeds, etc.)?

What would happen with the 25-28 miles of "temporary" roads after the logging? What are proposed reclamation plans for these roads? What would happen with the top soil? Would the roads be brought back to their natural contours? Or would the roads simply be gated? The Big Horn Natural Forest already has an abundance of roads.

How would the designated 33,000 acres of roadless lands be impacted by the project?

What are the impacts to recreation, cattle grazing and tourism with the project?

Please inform us of further action on this proposed project.

Sincerely,
Claudia and Jim Schaeffer