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RE: Mid- Swan Landscape Restoration & Wildland Urban Interface Project December 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, I'm not an expert in forest management, but have hunted and fished through the mid-Swan area. I have also worked as log builder, and have harvested logs for building log homes.

In general I'm not for clear cutting except maybe in cases where the ground has been infected by some virus. The best option to me is select cutting, with 30 or 40 feet spacing and burning off the duff and using fire when it seems appropriate and beneficial for forest health.

Also since the Plum Creek ground has been reintegrated into the Flathead National Forest, there is no need to harvest timber or manage the forest section by section. The hall roads need to cross the landscape from section to section and skidding in a more slanted fashion so water can be managed on its way down slope. Along with decommissioning, the proposed BMP road improvements and storm proofing will benefit the roads and will reduce erosion and help keep wildlife intact.

Regarding new roads near the Wilderness. I am completely opposed to the Swan Forest Initiative for Lake County Conservation District that would like to use National Forest land for there Lake County needs! One last concern, get more money for the logs.

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