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Comments: Please accept these supplemental comments incorporating the Scattered Lands project which overlaps Sandpoint South. In an email, Acting Ranger Noyes supported the statement that since the comment period ends on a weekend, the due date is the following Monday.

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Supplemental comments on the Sandpoint South Scoping Notice, Sandpoint Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests from the Inland Empire Task Force, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Selkirk Conservation Alliance, Kootenai Environmental Alliance and Wild Idaho Rising Tide. Please accept this additional information. The Sandpoint South project area overlaps the Scattered Lands project. Implementing this project would leave little forested habitat left in the western portion of the project area. The image below shows Scattered Lands units in black and in yellow hatch, the proposed Sandpoint South units are in bright red, thick green outlines are USFS owned. Only a small area of Federal forested area is left. Please include the Scattered Lands project in the Sandpoint South cumulative effects analysis for all issues. See image in PDF document on page 1. The following image from Global Forest Watch shows a high level of forest fragmentation in the project area. Red areas show tree cover loss between 2001 and 2023. The commentors do not yet have GIS data for this project to show the project area boundary and calculate percent tree cover loss in the project area. Please complete a detailed habitat fragmentation analysis for the project area as requested in our SN comments. See image in PDF document on page 2. <https://www.globalforestwatch.org/map/>

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