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Comments: I would like to comment on this proposed Forest Plan. here are several reasons I am against Plan P. FIRST- In this type of forest if it is left unmanaged, it gets so thick and dense that there is no habitat or browse for larger animals .Example (Salmo Basin) In the early 1900 hundreds before the big fires came through the Old timers that I grew up knowing said there weren't many deer around, but 10 years after the fires the deer population exploded. Those fires burned off all the south facing hillsides creating browse and habitat. The clear cutting that we used to have helped sustain that habitat. This country had a huge Mule Deer population but now that their habitat has grown up we have very few Mule Deer left. SECOND- Active logging will also keep the forest healthy from disease that spreads into private timber. I own 70 acres of timber land about 3 miles south of this proposed plan. THIRD- I am an avid outdoorsman. Hunting, fishing, Hiking, Backpacking and berry picking. I am for more roads and more active logging. The loggers will maintain those roads as part of their contract. I am a lifetime citizen of Pend Oreille County.(63 YRS.) I have seen first hand what happens to a forest that is not managed properly or not at all. FOURTH- Our County needs those timber dollars and our folks in the logging industry need those jobs. The Forest Service policies have led to crippling of the logging industry and the destruction of our forests from disease. In closing-As our stewards it is your duty to actively manage our forests in such a manner that our children can utilize the harvests for homes and businesses and enjoy the same kind recreation that I have had. Respectfully Daniel R.Smith