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Comments: Little Crow Restoration Project #46306

Dear USFS Project Leader Leingang,

As a former forest industry worker and resident of this forest area, I fully support the Little Crow Restoration Project, including its purpose and need to restore forest resiliency, maintain public access and restore aquatic resources on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The Forest Service should use all forest management tools, including mechanical commercial treatments, which are critical to achieving the project's goals.

The Forest Service should implement thinning treatments for increased forest resiliency to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, improve wildlife habitat, and support job creation in nearby communities. These mechanical treatments will reduce overstocking and help fund important stewardship activities. In fact, the project proposes to restore aquatic resources by removing barriers for fish passage, placing woody debris to slow down flood waters and create pool habitat. Further the national forest should maintain public access as a top priority by protecting and investing in existing forest road infrastructure for future uses and public safety purposes.

Thank you for accepting this message as a public comment.

Sincerely,

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