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Comments: Dear USFS staff,

I am commenting on the Modified FEIS and Reissued Draft ROD. My previous rounds of comments still apply in their entirety because there seem to have been no substantive changes. The basis for this project remains a mystery to me. It does not appear to address climate change, public safety, or economy of public funds. LaVA does not represent any of my values. They are:
- Facilitating climate change resiliency
- Conserving wildlife and their habitats
- Conserving roadless lands and old growth
- Protecting watersheds particularly assuring generous riparian area setbacks
- Reducing road density particularly unauthorized roads
- Wise use of limited USFS funding

On the last point above, this appears to be a massive taxpayer subsidy of otherwise unprofitable timber harvest. I'm OK with subsidizing selective logging to provide clear public safety or ecosystem resilience benefits. At 95K acres of clearcuts and apparently 260K acres of potential logged areas on a forest this size, this doesn't seem to do much for ecosystem resilience. Forest land is a precious resource in Wyoming. If you log 260K over the life of this project, I'm not sure how the Medicine Bow is going to recover in an era that is already drier and hotter. I can see us going from forest to cheatgrass. I'm disappointed to perceive the public has been ignored during this process. Now the re-release is during COVID, it appears certain I'll have no opportunity to hear any logic behind this project.

Sincerely, Eric Dalton