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Comments: Do Not Approve the Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project

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Subject: Do Not Approve the Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project

Dear Flathead National Forest Supervisor,

Please reject the ill-conceived proposal to burn 13,500 acres and plant white bark pine on 2,000 acres in the Mission Mountains Wilderness in northwest Montana (Mid-Swan Landscape Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project).

The Forest Service's first responsibility is to protect the wild character of the Mission Mountains Wilderness. The proposal violates the fundamental values of Wilderness and should be rejected.

- 1) Prescribed fire would interfere with natural processes in the Mission Mountains Wilderness.
- 2) Planting white bark pine would significantly manipulate the wild character of the Mission Mountains Wilderness.
- 3) Helicopter use is incompatible with Wilderness, harasses wildlife, and destroys the experience for Wilderness visitors.

Please reject the plans to manipulate the Mission Mountains Wilderness by burning and planting white bark pine on thousands of acres. Instead, let the Wilderness be wild as the Wilderness Act requires.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,