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Comments: Atten Forest Service: I support efforts to reduce fuels in the upper Twisp River by removing understory and smaller trees. I do not support removal of trees larger then 20", as it will not benefit fire suppression efforts.

I am a backcountry enthusiast that supports non motorized travel in Mountain Valleys such as Twisp River. If ATV's are allowed, the valley becomes an echo chamber of constant sound. I live on Hwy 20 at the base of Washington Pass and can attest to what it would be like in a narrow valley with the sounds of throttles opening up any time a strait away appears, over and over. I am not generally opposed to ATV's and motorcycles as I am a former racer myself. Motors belong in lower aspects of valleys where the sound does not reverberate as it would in the upper valley. If consideration is being considered for this area, it should be in a separate process.

I am a frequent bicyclist in upper Twisp River both by road bike and mountain bike. I consider this area as the best combination of the two that the Methow has to offer and should remain that way for locals and tourists alike. Thank you for your consideration.