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We were attracted to the Twisp area because of proximity to the Twisp River drainage, and a quieter type of recreation than available on the highway 20 corridor. Thinning, additional ORV trails and roads, and massive landscape change as proposed will irreparably change the drainage we know so well, and this plan should be reevaluated with citizens and current local users in mind. As an owner of a hospitality business, the changes proposed will also irreparably harm the guest experience we have worked so hard to build in this part of the valley, and with it take jobs and income away.

During my time as a consulting economist and hospitality business owner, I have become convinced of the value of wilderness, and of leaving wild places wild. Should you wish to discuss and research in more detail the economic implications of the proposed treatments in the Twisp River area, please do not hesitate to reach out. I truly mean this as an invitation to discuss and think collaboratively, as I have much faith in the USFS and am proud to have worn a uniform for many seasons in Colorado.