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Comments: I am a 30+ year resident of upper Twisp River Valley. It is clear to me that our forests suffer from mistletoe infestation, over crowding and insect killed trees. I appreciate that there is a need for a forest health project. I do have concerns however about the TRRP as it is proposed.

- 1. Including such a large area in one project makes the process too complex. The 77,000 acres should be divided into smaller project areas which will encourage more local involvement and treatment more specific to that area. If the project does go forward as proposed with it's massive size and complexity an EIS is needed.
- 2. I have concern that the commercially profitable logging that is proposed will easily be accomplished because those trees will pay for their own removal. The remaining work will languish due to lack of funding. The OWNF must clearly state how funding will be acquired for the "no commercial profit" aspects of the project before any work begins.
- 3. Opening 22 miles of upper Twisp River valley to ATV use does not belong in a forest restoration plan. You're inclusion of this proposal only serves to tarnish my confidence in the OWNF's overall intentions with this project.
- 4. Cutting of trees up to 30" dbh, deviating from the forest services own restoration strategy, is unacceptable. These trees are likely hundreds of years old and if under story is cleared are fire resilient. We must not cut down our few remaining old growth trees to fund the project. They are an important element of our forests health. Funding must come from other sources.
- 5. I have read several comments from the valley's citizens addressing concerns regarding sedimentation in the creeks and river, increased soil impact from salvage logging of burned areas, and damage from preemptive bulldozer fire lines. These are all items of great concern which the OWNF needs to reconsider.

Thank you to the OWNF staff for your work.