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Comments: To whom it may concern;

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on your Twisp Restoration Project. My husband and I lost our home and approx 85% of our trees to the Twisp River fire of 2015. The other 15% of trees that survived were due to extensive thinning and brushing we had done just months before the fire. Unfortunately circumstances of the fire destroyed the majority of trees in spite of our work. Still we feel very fortunate and remain believers in the process. That said I have concerns over the size of trees you plan to harvest according to your new Forest Plan. It seems counter intuitive if indeed your plan is to firewise our forests to harvest the larger trees leaving remaining vegetation more susceptible to fire.

My second concern is the allowance of ATV's up the Twisp River drainage. The age requirement of 13 years to drive an ATV in WA state is far to young for my safety as a pedestrian and bike rider in the proposed allowance area. Please omit the allowance from your plan.

My third concern is the decommissioning of the closed road system in Coal Creek extending into Myer Creek. We have lived in the Myer Creek drainage for 38 years and have seen this road system used by ranchers to access an established water source, fence maintenance and access to livestock. This road system has given our neighborhood an exit alternative in the event of a natural disaster. It has also been used by many for horseback riding, biking, skiing, and hiking for the almost 4 decades we have lived in Myer Creek. Please consider taking this system off your decommissioned list.

Thank you again for your consideration. I hope for your success in creating a project that benefits all.