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Comments: I concur with the recommendations of the Methow Valley Citizens Council. Specifically, the Forest Service should carefully follow the 2012 Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Restoration strategy in developing the Twisp Restoration Proposal. The Forest Service should also ensure that the North Central Wa Forest Health Collaborative is involved in a meaningful way in developing the Twisp Restoration proposal.

For prescribed fires, the Twisp Restoration Project should incorporate the following elements: 1) Reduce the likelihood of smoke reaching communities by using the best available smoke-modeling tools. Also consider alternatives such as chipping instead of burning piles from thinning operations. 2) Put in place proactive communication from agencies doing the burning to nearby communities and smoke-vulnerable individuals. 3) Make available N95 masks and purification systems. 4) Track and document smoke intrusions into communities through portable monitors and a complaint reporting system.