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Comments: I live up the Twisp River on property adjacent to National Forest land (Coal Creek). Myer Creek runs near the western boundary of our property. We will be impacted by significant parts of the Twisp Restoration Plan. The Plan is intended to run for many years without any built in periodic checks or reevaluations which does not make sense for a project of this scope. The plan does not include adequate information on impacts on residents of the area, including increased traffic (for 25 years), increased noise levels, increased pollutants including significant smoke levels, and increased danger on the Twisp River Road from the many logging truck trips over many years.

Particular areas of concern include:

- 1. Lack of adequate true alternatives. The choice is to do nothing or the large scale, heavy with impacts, plan presented. More options are needed. The described project needs to be evaluated, with public input, at regular intervals throughout. Conditions change, priorities change, unexpected impacts present themselves.
- 2. Commercial logging of old growth is currently not allowed, and the prohibition should be maintained. Removal of undergrowth and small trees would serve thinning purposes without giving up the remaining old growth. Trees larger than 20 inches in diameter are not common, and the Forest Service's own surveys describe how rare areas with larger trees are.
- 3. Adding ATV access on 22 miles of road will adversely affect the many forest users who, on foot or horseback or bicycle, are seeking the quiet and natural ambience of the forest. The ATVs are unnecessarily noisy, manufactured in a way that makes them unsuitable for forest recreation. ATV access should be considered as an entirely separate proposal. It does not belong in a restoration proposal.
- 4. Decommissioning old roads/trails: these need to be studied in detail with an opportunity for the public to engage on which ones are appropriate for removal and which ones are valuable. An example is the old road that goes through Coal Creek drainage and connects with Myer Creek. The road parallels the creek on the eastern Forest Service boundary and is used recreationally by walkers, snowshoers, skiers, and bicyclists. In addition it has been used over the years (my 33 years here) by cattle ranchers who check on their livestock by horseback. Additionally, it provides access to the fence that separates the Forest Service land from private property (fencing in need of repair after damage from the 2015 Twisp River Fire). In addition, bulldozing along that road would adversely affect the seedlings that have sprouted in the acreage between the road and the creek below.