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Twisp River Restoration Comments

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WATV proposal: The proposal to allow WATV's on portions of Forest Roads in the Twisp River drainage is more appropriate to be considered under the current Motorized Travel Management plan rather than as an add on to an EA focused on restoration. Including new WATV use in projects as they arise is a piece meal approach when an overall plan is needed.

Dispersed Recreation: Dispersed recreation is not adequately described and the effects not addressed specifically or in any detail to existing use. Backcountry skiing is a popular recreational activity in the Twisp River corridor both on trails, open roads, currently closed roads, ridges, and open slopes. Little Bridge Creek, Newby Ridge, Upper Twisp River are all commonly used by backcountry skiers. Many ridges have proposed dozer firelines running the length of the ridge. Impacts of this should be analyzed and addressed. Horseback riders, hikers, mountain bikes, and now ebikes also use many of the currently closed roads as well in these areas. The roads considered for conversion to trail are few and others need to be considered where allowed use is already occurring to continue access for these activities.

Trails : The location of Trails 404 and 403 both need to be verified on the ground as the maps are not correct.

Trail 404 is not shown completely on the map - it extends up the ridge to the old lookout site on Midnight Mt. as well as continuing down to Twisp River Road. Lookout Mt. Ridge trail is shown on the map, as is a proposed dozer line running the length of the ridge. If the trail could be used as a fireline rather than running a dozer along the same route, that should be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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