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Comments: The large scale proposals for the Twisp Restoration project needs additional opportunities for public review and comment. The proposal is complex, with many facets that affect the health of our forests and native species in the long term. Due diligence and review is critical in a project of this magnitude.

I am very concerned that the proposal departs from the Forest Service's own Restoration Strategy by cutting trees over 20 inches in diameter, harvesting in old growth reserves, and logging endangered species habitat. With 90% of the old growth already harvested it is absolutely critical that the remaining trees be preserved. Old growth is far more fire resistant than younger growth, and provides irreplaceable habitat centuries in the making.

The proposal should also fully take into account large areas already in special old-growth reserves, roadless status, and/or with potential for wilderness designation. Protected areas should not be harvested.