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Comments: I support Alternative 1, of the Wenatchee Pilot Project. We need to get a handle on fire and fuels problem. Looking at the map, I see that the area surrounding Camp Zanika is largely shaded purple, which is okay, but I would like to see some hand thinning and pile burning in order to protect the camp and the old growth trees. There are tremendous loads of dead surface fuels ready to burn, which will be the demise of the old growth trees, and make it harder to defend the camp. Hand piling and burning would improve things. Also the old growth ponderosa pines in vicinity of the camp are winking out, and could benefit from some targeted logging of the surrounding younger trees.

Over-all what is done should be guided by making the forest more resilient to wildfire and climate change. Board feet targets should not be guiding management. Old growth trees should be protected. That being said, logs going to the mills should be seen as a societal good, so long as harvest is guided by ecological awareness.