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Comments: As a local resident who appreciates the beauty and accessibility of the Boggy Draw area for recreational use, decided to locate here in large part based on these opportunities, and has since contributed to its maintenance, I am very concerned about the potential negative aspects of this project as have been documented by a number of other letters/comments so far. I understand that forests benefit from fire mitigation procedures including thinning and controlled burns in order to limit damage from wildfires or unhealthy conditions, and that logging has its place depending on how and where it's done. However, this project seems to have the potential to result in much more harm than good overall. Decimating trails that have been built by countless volunteer hours, disregarding the importance of preserving quality recreational opportunities for locals and tourists alike, creating dangerous traffic/safety issues on Rd 31, impacting the potential for the town to continue to benefit from those who travel to our area specifically for these opportunities, etc seems unreasonable unless there is absolutely no choice but to do so, esp without careful consideration of the impacts and suggested modifications. Please consult to the greatest extent possible with those who are personally and financially invested in the value of this area, incl. recreational users, bike shops, land conservancies, etc, and esp SWCCA, which thru their volunteer work has devoted much of its existence to responsible trail development and preservation of the Boggy Draw area and local resources we hold so dear. Thank you.