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Comments: I formally object to this project overall. I am particularly concerned with several aspects of the proposed project. First, this project could last 10 years. This too long and will result in long-term negative impacts to the quality of life of local residents, the local economy, and the local property values. The proposed project will have significant impacts on the surrounding neighbors, local community, recreational opportunities and local economy. The movement of heavy equipment to and from the proposed project areas requires that oversized machines and vehicles travel on local paved and unpaved county roads. This poses an unnecessary danger to residents who live on properties near the public lands and members of the local community who must use these roads to gain necessary access to town for work, school, and essential services. Furthermore I object to the lengthy trail closures and trail damage that this project would cause. This would put an undue burden on community recreation organizations to repair and remediate the damage to trails. In the least, this project should be amended to minimize damage and destruction to trails by proactively rerouting trails that are directly in the areas that will be logged, implementing design features to protect the trails, and defining time limitations that the remediation and rehabilitation would have to be completed by or inflict penalties on the respective parties if the rehabilitation work is not completed. Treatments to prevent wildfire and extensive beetle kill need to be performed and managed in a way that minimizes impact to local residents and trail recreation, ensures the safety of local residents, and maintains the economic benefits from recreation that the local communities depend on.