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Comments: I am a year-round resident on Hayden Lake and am writing to express my request that the Forest Service pay careful attention to the activities that have the potential to degrade the water quality of Hayden Lake. Much of the Honey Badger project is in the lake's watershed, so activities in those locations have the potential to increase sediment and nutrient load.

\* The Environmental Assessment (EA) addresses the forest service road up Hayden Creek (section 5.4 under Activities to Improve Water Quality) yet the latest document fails to acceptably deal with FSR 437. As I understand it, the HLWA identified alternatives but I do not see consideration. Culverts in the Ohio Match fill area are also not detailed/addressed.

\* I am opposed to prescribed burning and am dismayed at the vague discussion of how much, when, and therefore fear dramatic impact to nutrient loads after the burn.

\* From the EA, "harvest and associated activities would be accomplished through multiple timber sales that would occur over an estimated period of about ten years, with the first sale projected to occur in 2023. Reforestation efforts would be initiated within five years of final harvest, to the extent possible...". If I do the math, timber sales will continue through about 2033 and reforestation can start up to five years after that..putting us at reforestation starting as we approach 2040. When you think about the slow growth of trees, and the effects on scenery, it means that our views will likely be impacted dramatically for a couple of generations. I have hope in the language "effects would in part be minimized by implementation of project design criteria" but believe mechanical thinning and chipping is appropriate in the Hayden Lake and CdA view shed, whereas clear cuts and burning are not acceptable. I've seen thinning and chipping in the Missoula area.

As a last note: I have not seen approval from our forest manager for 40-acre areas-is that going to happen?