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Comments: I am a resident on Hayden Lake and have some concerns about the Honey Badger Project. It appears that the majority of the project is in the Hayden Lake watershed and will greatly affect the lake's water quality. The plan calls for 12,000 acres for harvest and almost the same for controlled burns in the next ten years. I thought the National Forest Act specified a limit of 40 acres so in 10 years approximately 24,000 acres will be affected? I am afraid the nutrients and sediments from burning will flow into Hayden Lake and damage the water quality. Hayden Lake is unique in that there is no outflow from the lake. Therefore, any nutrients and sediments will remain in the lake forever. Having lived on the lake for 16 years, I am dismayed on how much the lake has been affected by nitrogen and phosphorus buildup. I understand that forests need to be managed to maintain healthy growth and would like to see mechanical thinning. I am opposed to all burning or clear cutting.