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Comments: I have owned property on the South Fork of the Salmon River for 50 years. Members of my family have lived there the majority of the time.

I have concerns with your plans for commercial logging for thinning, especially the helicopter logging. The early helicopter logging on the River left hazardous fuel loads. This resulted in extremely devastating fires in those locations. Even conventional logging leaves slash that must be reduced to protect the remaining trees. Although the document mentions slash treatment it does not adequately address the problem.

Once the WUI is treated to reduce fuels, it will be important to maintain it. Planning for frequent burns in the WUI would be advantageous. Including future periodic treatment as part of this document will assure that it will happen.