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Comments: This is an exciting project for someone like me who grew up in the Bitterroot. My kids are 5th generation Bitterrooters. I remember when we didn't wait in dreaded anticipation for the smoke season every summer. That was back in the 70's and 80's. Then the environmentalist lawsuits showed up and the forest got shut down from good management. I also know it was an extreme minority who yelled the loudest to get our forests shut down. Most of the citizens of Ravalli County would (and will) appreciate active forest management, the jobs and industries that come with logging, as well as the beauty of no smoke AND having forests which people and animals can get around in rather than the overdense, fire blackened hellscapes we currently end up with. Please go forward with this project.