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Comments: My name is Ron Pifer and I am a trained plant & aquatic ecologist and an experienced science teacher. I have authored dozens of Environmental Impact Reports, covering a variety of projects in multiple states, and two Environmental Impact Statements for the U.S. EPA in Colorado. I am in favor of the Bitterroot Front Project going forward, including the logging component. However, I feel it is imperative to revegetate native trees and plants in those areas that have been, and will be, disturbed by fires, logging, mining, or other human activities. For without proper revegetation, the natural recruitment and establishment of native species, through primary-and-secondary, ecological succession, is often quite slow, and it will not be fully manifested for many decades. The health of our Bitterroot Forest is paramount, and we, as the Stewards of the Land, have a duty and obligation to maintain it for multiple usage, for ourselves and future generations...