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Comments: My reading about this project, from different perspectives, leads me to these points:

1) It seems that you (FS) and opposing groups do not have an "agreed to" model/values/principles by which you can clarify the tradeoffs in any forest management policy decision. Essential for public support.

2) the world's climate situation has likely changed dramatically since your 30-year old forest management philosophy was developed. Certainly time for a re-assessment.

3) if you harvest as expressed, that cannot be undone. Think twice; cut once.

4) Like many federal agencies, you seem to feel an obligation to the timber industry. Time to reconsider that.

Therefore, I strongly recommend you put the Bitterroot Front Project on hold until you can resolve the difficulties I've raised above.

Thank you for your consideration.