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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the Bitterroot Front Project, #57341.

The US Forest Service has pledged to consider climate factors and current research in all new projects. Climate considerations are not mentioned or followed in the current proposal.

Current science indicates that old growth trees sequester far more carbon than smaller trees that replace them. Current climate mitigation forestry science suggests every mature healthy tree remains standing.

Current science also questions the value of thinning large swaths of forest outside of the Hazardous Ignition Zone (HIZ). The best solution seems to be clearing the HIZ throughout the Wildland Urban Interface.

Please consider the above factors when finalizing the Bitterroot Front Plan.

Sincerely,

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