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Comments: Please be good stewards of the land. The project proposed in the Bitterroot Mountains is of such a grand scale, involving hundreds of thousands of acres, that a full EIS is needed to assess impacts. Over the years, I have hiked and camped within the proposed project area, and I want to be certain that the Forest Service does a good job when exploiting timber resources, Addition road building should be limited as much as possible. In order to fully examine the alternatives, an EIS is needed. Otherwise, public comment in this matter can only be of the most general nature. Neither the public nor the agency can know at the outset the full range of impacts on valuable resources -- and it is vitally necessary that any adverse impacts be fully understood before decisions are made that would damage the forest, perhaps irrevocably. Impacts in designated roadless areas must be avoided until such time as wilderness status is resolved. Again, I implore the National Forest to carefully evaluate the value and impacts of the proposed project with an EIS. Thank you.