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Comments: Thank you for taking my comment. I'm a full time resident of MT for over 50 years. My comments are reflecting on the South Plateau project. Forest logging and treatment must be have some scrutiny regarding the fact that the 16, 462 ac. logging and treatment will be done this season. We have all just been subjected to dramatic natural climate change events this past summer, including dramatic weather patterns, the late summer heat (night time included), the smoke filled skies lasting months. We know that the CO2 contributions of our industries nationwide are helping to make us aware of the loss of trees e.g. the South Plateau forested acres. Besides forests being the bulwark of security for capturing carbon (through their roots and the soils) the diversity of habitat they provide for an ecosystem sustains much of the diversity of mammals, other creatures that have lived for generations shoulder to shoulder with the diverse species that are in the protected lands of YNPark. On a personal note, I have pasturage on my 900 ac. Shields Valley property on which I dedicated 5 acres for growing a mix of evergreen trees in a nursery, just because I believe in the value of trees wherever they are or can be grown. I hope the SP Project will have a vision in the EA keeping value in trees, saving as much of the diversity of habitat, the standing forest, and encouragement of the wildlife as can be allowed. Forests renew us in so many ways.

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