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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed SPALT project. Clearly, an Environmental Impact Statement is required to provide the necessary analysis of the significant ecological impacts likely to occur from the Custer Gallatin's logging and road building projects. Additionally, an EIS is needed to address the following issues:

- * Cumulative analysis of the proposed actions must be looked in terms of the impact of reducing carbon gathers and the impact such reduction will have on accelerating climate change.

- * Wildlife biologists must evaluate how individually and cumulatively the impacts of logging, building roads, and prescribing fire near highways in Hebgen Basin on migratory buffalo.

- * The cumulative impacts of logging approx 32 square miles of habitat on wildlife, endangered species, acceleration of climate change; similarly the cumulative impacts of construction of 71 miles of road on the South Plateau and North Hebgen. It is antithetical that such habitat destruction would not negatively impact wildlife, much less somehow be beneficial.

- * Current logging and road building underway in Custer Gallatin and that which is currently planned in Hebgen Basin, including in the South Plateau and North Hebgen, must be analyzed as a part of the cumulative impacts of the impacts of the Proposed Action.

- * Impacts to the human environment including scenic views and visitors hiking the trails along the Continental Divide which will clearly be negatively impacted, if not destroyed.

- * The EIS must consider that roads should be removed - rather than new roads built - in order to provide secure habitat for grizzly bear, moose, and elk, reduce sediment running into creeks and rivers in Hebgen Basin and reduce the negative impacts the USFS is currently engaged in that is accelerating climate change.

The claim that the Proposed Action will contribute to environmental resiliency is based on junk science -- destroying habitat NEVER CONTRIBUTES TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY. It is a human fallacy that humans' contribute to biodiversity -- rather humans are the cause of the decline in biodiversity. Science has shown the best humans can do to help wildlife and environment is to STOP OUR DESTRUCTION -- the proposed action furthers the DESTRUCTION of our planet, our wildlife and our native habitat. Wildlife species continue to decline and cannot withstand the USFS's proposed action which contributes to the very systematic pressures, random perturbations, and harmful events that are destroying wildlife, habitat and the Earth by a thousand cuts.

The size, degree, and duration of the Custer Gallatin's logging and road building projects impairs the resiliency for wildlife species and the ecosystem in Hebgen Basin. I urge the USFS to either reject the Proposed Action or at minimum conduct a full EIS.