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Comments: I am writing in vehement opposition to the newly proposed South Plateau Landscape Area Treatment Project (SPLAT). The climate crisis is such that continuing to cut down forests on U.S. public land is no longer justifiable, since we have already logged so much of our forested land and we need to preserve its carbon-sequestering properties. Our forested land also serves as wildlife habitat - and again, removing this habitat is not justifiable, as we have lost so much habitat and wildlife in the last fifty years that we simply cannot afford to lose more. According to a recent report, wildlife populations have already been reduced by an average of 80% in just the past 50 years, in large part due to habitat destruction and degradation like SPLAT.

The proposed project will destroy 23 square miles of prime wildlife habitat, while extracting over 80 million board feet of timber, building 56 miles of roads into the Hebgen Basin. The project's roadbuilding, logging, and burning will occur in or near habitat for a wide diversity of threatened wildlife species, including grizzlies, lynx, and wolverines, as well as bison migration areas and will irrevocably harm these areas.

At the very least, the Forest Service must conduct a thorough Environmental Impact Statement before proceeding. However, given the amount of destruction this project will cause, I believe the Forest Service must not approve it at all.

Thank you for your consideration.