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Comments: I believe the WILDLIFE of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem should be given PRIORITY over all other considerations, given the numerous problems this ecosystem faces. These trees provide critical habitat and cover for numerous species, store carbon, stabilize soils and provide microclimates, all, vital functions for this ecosystem . Nature has looked after these forests through millennia, long before man, and uses natural techniques to select the most hardy trees capable of handling assaults by insects and fires. The forest service simply lacks that ability and often times, makes the problems worse, since its priorities are seldom centered around ecosystem health, regardless of its PR.

Logging roads would introduce more invasive species, create greater erosion problems, and fragment critical habitat, while adding to the carbon burden of the atmosphere , and creating undue noise levels, that would unduly stress wildlife , further.

I ask the forest service to withdrawal this project and complete a through Environmental Impact Statement , as to whether ANY of these projects does anything to really BENEFIT this ecosystem, other than pander to certain interest groups' self interest. At this critical time, anything less is unacceptable.