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Comments: The size, degree, and duration of the Custer Gallatin's logging and road building projects impairs the resiliency for wildlife species and the entire ecosystem in Hebgen Basin. Sustainable forest management, improved land tenure, conservation, and restoration are all valuable strategies for preserving forests as a natural climate solution. These solutions can have positive economic, biodiversity, and societal impacts.

I implore the Custer Gallatin to withdraw the SPLAT. The Custer Gallatin needs to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement of all logging and road building underway and planned in Hebgen Basin, including in the South Plateau and North Hebgen. The study must include how deforestation impacts climate change and droughts.

Please see the attached ICUN article: Forests and climate change <https://www.iucn.org/resources/issues-brief/forests-and-climate-change>