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Comments: I emphatically oppose this South Plateau Proposal, and it should be cancelled as proposed.

Under the Proposal, the total project area is about 40,000 acres, to be carried out on parcels as great as 16,000 acres over a successive 15-year period. and yet, incredibly enough, the Forest Service Environmental Assessment found that, for a project of this massive scope, there was "No Significant Impact."

Moreover, and even more critically, the area is in the heart of prime grizzly bear habitat, and is also an integral part of a critically important wildlife connectivity route north and west of Yellowstone National Park. Given this vital ecological importance, the Forest Service should not bulldoze more logging roads and clear more grizzly bear/lynx habitat on the border of Yellowstone National Park.

Grizzly bears are still threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and they continue to need protected habitat. Similarly, the threatened South Canada lynx needs dense cover provided by upland forest, and both species rely on habitat within the Proposal's project area.

For all of the reasons noted above the Forest Service should reject the Proposal as designed.