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Comments: Dear FS Representative,

It is not a possibility that the timber cutting scheduled for this treatment project will have no significant impact on the sensitive species that occur throughout the area designated for cutting. Therefore I am adamantly opposed to the planned cutting and strongly request the Forest Service reevaluate the cost-benefit analysis of this project.

As a professional wildlife biologist of 30 years, I have seen first hand the impacts timber cuts have on wolves, grizzlies, lynx and wolverines. These species only become additionally stressed when their remote habitat is compromised in terms of the resources they require not only to survive, but to thrive. Consequently, it almost invariably happens that they seek the resources they need in ways that cause them to come into closer contact with humans, which rarely ends well for the wild creatures.

These animals have no voice in our anthropocentric activities, and if we neglect to take into account their resource needs, they will not thrive, they may not survive, and we could lose them in our region. Given the value and importance of tourism specifically developed for the observation of several of these wilderness species, the economic loss is real and needs to be calculated, as well.

Please reconsider the scope and the breadth of this project, it's planned timber cuts and the impacts associated with these activities.

Thank you for your time,

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