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Comments: I am familiar with the habitat types included in this project and have been over the terrain it encompasses. I can't comment on specific aspects, but I would like to support the project's implementation. First, a do-nothing approach to managing these forests means that insects, rots, diseases, windthrow, and wildfire will modify them. If this is to be a managed forest, I appreciate the diversity in activities planned. All of them are routinely practiced in forest management. I like the idea of using larger than 40-acre units, which allows actions to be configured to each unit's topography and habitat types. To enhance wildlife and watersheds, excluding motorized traffic of all kinds is mandatory following treatment. Also, if for nothing else but as a public relations gesture, but for many more reasons, post-treatment assessments should be incorporated into this project. In essence, the project is an opportunity to gain more knowledge about how this area responds to treatment. The stand prognosis models available for these northern ldaho forests are among the most comprehensive available, but verification and alteration, if needed, will enhance future management. This project enhances the area's protection if climate changes accelerate the natural ways these forests change, perhaps, especially by wildfire.