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Comments: Answering the request for comments on the Chloride Gold Forest Project #60856: I, as a caring human being on this planet worried about climate change and our area's ecology and being a concerned resident of Bonner County stand in opposition to this project as it is now proposed. I have read project proposals and related comments and find I am in agreement with the "requested actions" respectively submitted by: Inland Empire Task Force; Wild Idaho Rising Tide; Alliance for the Wild Rockies; Wild Earth Guardians; and Jennifer Hill for this project. In their Appendix, they list many scientifically based "basic requirements for management of the area" that I agree with as necessary for this project to be environmentally successful. I am concerned with logging proposals that readily state they are needed for fire suppression and private property protection, but are a ruse for logging mature and old growth forests. I have spent many years reforesting logged areas and have seen the lasting effect of some logging practices. I find it interesting that projects like this are proposing protections and habitat enhancement for wildlife and sensitive plant species as benefits of the logging, when in fact logging practices themselves tend to be a detriment to same species. I am also extremely concerned with the cumulative effects of this project on some of our major watersheds in the proposed project area and the nearshore waters of our Lake Pend Oreille. Hopefully you will consider recommendations shared as oppositions to this project before finalization. Thank you, Pam Duquette