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Comments: This project should not go forward. I had the pleasure of working with the USFS in the Salomon Challis National Forest. On the ground employees emphasized the importance of preserving natural resources. This decision is against the key charge of the USFS to preserve what remains of our natural resources. The forest functions as a critical carbon sink. Any removal of trees is a commitment from the USFS to destroy our natural resources.