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Comments: During thinning or any cutting operations I would encourage the consideration of harvest of woods in a manner that would preserve and present pieces of the woods in question for the use of crafts. Burls, forks, areas where mold grows, even simple straight sticks all present opportunities for carvers and wood turners to make something beautiful. I have been whittling and carving for about three years and materials can be expensive so there is a market for them for example on Ebay. I know too that some pieces can be used in construction of homes and furniture (ie:Montana Woodworks- I have several pieces in my Los Angeles home by them make from Lodgepole). Perhaps during the phase of managing the cutting operations someone with an eye for the potential for these markets could participate in the marking of subject trees. Later during felling and milling those select trees could be processed to yield said materials. My family has resided in Idaho since 1970 and we have frequented the McCall area many times. I currently own a timeshare there, inherited from my father. My employment history includes working at the fish hatchery in McCall. I have worked for the Integrated Pest Management Group, State and Private Forestry folks doing insect and disease survey work on the Payette and other forests. I have done fisheries research work with USFWS and Idaho Fish and Game Dept in Idaho and I have worked for Idaho Department of Environmental Quality as a Water Quality Specialist. I believe my thoughts presented here would bring value to the resource and perhaps boost the economy in the area. My thoughts, respectfully submitted for your consideration.