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Comments: I am OPPOSED to amendments to the Bitterroot National Forest plan which would allow relaxation of protections of OUR forests, especially old-growth. Wildlife would suffer from decreased cover and increased habitat intrusions and destruction. Fisheries and pollinators would be adversely affected by disturbance of stream beds and ground cover.
We need STRONG protections for our forests! Standards being changed to "guidelines" is not sufficient protection. Increased access to logging, especially of old-growth, is irresponsible and short-sighted. Legitimate, non-commercial scientific research and recommendations should be respected and followed. Now, with climate change as a factor, it's time to ramp-up rather than dumb-down forest protections.
Please protect our forests!
Thank you for considering my comments.