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Comments: I am strongly against the plans for this proposed project, which would impact 53,000 acres of forest! I have read the contents of the proposed project and feel this acreage should be left as is. I have a Bachelor's Degree in wildlife/environmental science. I have worked in the forests at Mt. Rainier and the Olympic Peninsula (where massive clear cutting occurred decades earlier). While working in those forests I conducted Marbled Murrelet, Spotted Owl, and amphibian surveys. I also worked for one season at Fort Lewis as a Forestry Technician, fighting fires and performed some timber cruising. Therefore, I've spent a fair amount of time in forests at various stages of decadence, and levels of timber management. I can say that this land needs to be left alone. Clearcutting is always detrimental to a forest. Even well intended 'management' is often bad news. Fire is a natural thing that in many cases improves the quality of the entire forest. Of course, areas that are right up against homes should be managed. I have cross country skied and hiked in the Methow Valley and Twisp area. Please do not go forward with this project. Thank you for hearing my comments.