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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity too comment on the Midnight project, albeit a very short comment period. I support the landscape approach to analysis, it is the most efficient way to approach forest management. I do have a few concerns about some of the prescriptions.

- 1. Large trees, generally greater than 18" dbh and 150 years old, are the most resilient to fire and should be retained in the forest landscape. There are few reasons, in my professional opinion, to remove any of them. Safety along major forest roads is one of the reasons. Even when these size classes are in clumps, they should be retained.
- 2. Since this is a restoration project to create a more resilient landscape to extreme wildfire, the need for shaded fuelbreaks is greatly reduced. Once treated fire can burn across the landscape to maintain a healthy forest that can withstand fire. Shaded fuelbreaks provide little to no habitat for native wildlife species and extent sight distances from roads that reduces the effectiveness of adjacent habitats.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this project.