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Comments: Hi Mr. Furr,Please accept my comment on the midnight project.While thinning overgrown areas is very important, in order to help restore some balance that may reflect what historic fire regimes have achieved, it is so important to tread lightly. This is not the time for commercial enterprises to make a buck.I've copied a list of comments I really agree with below. Of these, I feel marking trees to be cut in advance is critical. Logging companies with a profit motive should not be in charge of making these decisions.The highest standards for review and environmental impact assessment should be followed. These lands are precious public lands- they belong to the people, and need to be treated like you would your friend's back yard.No new roads. Very important- we can't take those roads back. We need to preserve the wild as much as possible on our over impacted planet.Those are my personal thoughts. I also agree with the following:1) Wildfire science, and information on the effects of logging to reduce fire risk is far from settled, and the Forest Service cannot cherry-pick the studies that support logging, they must consider all the science. 2) The Forest Service should not include commercial incentives (alleged "economic benefits") in the project, this conflicts with the need for science-based restoration. 3). There should be NO "Condition-Based Management" nor "Designation By Prescription," the prescriptions disclosed in the NEPA document should not be changed post-decision, and the trees to be removed must be marked, not selected by the loggers. 4) Fire-resistant trees, particularly ponderosa pine and douglas fir over 10" diameter, should not be removed. 5) No logging roads should be constructed. 6) No logging should occur in the Chelan-Sawtooth roadless area, nor in Late Successional Reserves as designated in theNorthwest Forest Plan. 7) In the age of climate change, it is impossible to predict how "historic conditions" have been changed, and will further change, so trying to restore thesearbitrarily-described conditions via logging is an exercise in futility that will reduce the forest's natural resilience.The Forest Service must prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement, and include all publics in the process, giving no special access to information and influence to theCollaborative. 9) Independent alternatives should be included in an EIS, and the EIS must include a wide range of alternatives. 10) The cumulative Impacts of Midnight, the TwispRestoration Project, and Mission must be considered.Thank you,Sarah Lane