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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest,

Methow Valley Ranger District

c/o Meg Trebon

24 West Chewuch Road

Winthrop, WA 98862

Re: Comment on the Midnight Restoration Project Scoping Request

Dear Ms. Trebon:

We support the USFS' Midnight Restoration Project and the opportunity to protect the Pine Forest community from potential devastating wildfire. From our homes we can see the dead, brown trees from the 2021 Cedar Creek Fire and below them the thick forest of green trees along the west boundary of Pine Forest. Both brown and green trees adjacent to Pine Forest's west and south boundaries could benefit from thinning under the Midnight Restoration Project.

Pine Forest is a Firewise community that has been actively engaged in wildfire protection and forest health projects since 1995. Significant funding for these projects has been awarded by federal and state agencies and has been augmented by the extensive work of Pine Forest owners to make their properties defensible. For more details, refer to letters in support of the Twisp Restoration Project and the Midnight Restoration Project submitted by the Pine Forest Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn and Peter Lewicki

Anne and Tony Andersen

Marishka and Judd Marten