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Comments: The Midnight Restoration Project #63933 should be put on pause. I agree with the points below.

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 the Northwest 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 these arbitrarily-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 public in the process, giving no special access to information and influence to the Collaborative.
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 Twisp Restoration Project, and Mission must be analyzed.