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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.