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Comments: I have a few concerns about the project as described:

Logged trees should be less than 20 in diameter. The trees we lost in the Twisp River Fire, 08-19-2015 that were greater than 20 inches in diameter were older than 200 years, some dating back to the foundational years of the nation. A few of those dead stumps have new growth nearby and cannot help but think about the many decades it will take for them to achieve the stature of the lost trees. The dollar value is not the only value to be considered. This would be consistent with OWNF Restoration guidelines.

No new roads; as I understand it, this would be consistent with the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act recently enacted.

The contractor should be specifically prohibited from cutting trees = 20 inches. Enforcement of limits is necessary with monetary penalties for violations. A photo of the but ends of each load, easily scaled, should be required, and a penalty on the entire load when prohibited trees are taken. Extractive industries in our nation, for far too long, have been able to take what they want and leave the mess to be addressed at public expense, which usually never occurs. This has to change and the change may as well begin here.

Thank you