Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/9/2023 10:29:33 PM

First name: Hannah Last name: Mittelstaedt

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am in support of a plan to restore forest ecosystem health in the Twisp River watershed; however, I would like to see several changes made to this proposal. I am primarily concerned with the lack of limitation on which trees can be cut. Currently the plan does not specify any restrictions on which trees can be thinned from the forest. In order for healthy ecosystem function within a forest, it is necessary for older, larger trees to remain intact so that they can support the entire forest network. I would like to see this proposal specify that trees over 20 inches in diameter should not be cut down, in accordance with the OWNF Restoration Strategy. Overall, I am also in favor of the Methow Valley Citizen's Council's recommendations for the project, found here https://mvcitizens.org/midnight-forest-restoration-comment-guide/