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Comments: The forests left behind after this logging project will be all that we see in the Twisp River Valley for the rest of our lifetimes and generations to come. I do not want to see the logged over remnants of a perfectly healthy, albeit burned forest. All of those cut stumps, for example, take decades to decompose in a dry environment so everywhere you wander over 83 square miles I will see stumps and this isn't something I can overlook. And more critically, opening blocks of forest to any kind of logging, even if the goal is to clear smaller trees around big old trees, is a complete disaster. There is zero oversight, zero accountability, and zero consequences once a logging company with a goal of maximizing their profits starts cutting. As soon as a logging contract is handed to a company they can start taking any trees they want and the Forest Service isn't going to stop them (this is proved by what has happened with Mission project in the Buttermilk area last summer). Active forest management should be strictly limited to the areas immediately around houses, because there is absolutely no reason for the Forest Service to be logging 15 miles from the nearest house. This project is ill conceived and if approved will proceed with little to no oversight of the logging operations. This project should be halted immediately.