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Comments: Regarding the Midnight Restoration Project, our family whole-heartedly supports healthy forest management, but under the current plan are very concerned about the commercial incentives logging companies have which could encourage more thorough logging than is supported by science. There is an incentive under this model to simply 'act first and ask for forgiveness later' which worries us that the logging may be more extensive than necessary.

The second component of the current plan that concerns us is the building of logging roads into the area intended to be logged. We worry about the long-term environmental damage done by those roads. And the potential for the existence of such roads to be exploited in other environmentally damaging ways.

We believe that in order to prevent mega-fires in a changing climate, forests should be 'managed' when possible, and proactive steps can and should be taken. But that requires a balance to also preserve what we love about the forests and advocate for all the animals that call those forests their home. We encourage the forest service to reexamine their Midnight Recovery Project with a an eye towards a balanced ecosystem based on the most current science possible.

Thank you for your consideration.