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Comments: I am writing to provide comments on the proposed Midnight Logging Project in the Twisp River Valley. As a local resident, I am very concerned about the scope of this project and the substantial long-term harm that a logging operation of the scale proposed would have on the environment and on the shared ethos of local communities that are based on a deep appreciation for the natural areas and forests that surround us. The active management and thinning of the forests that is proposed would destroy the diverse forests that already exist, and that provide valuable habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities for local residents and our many visitors. Past experience has sadly shown that once an area is opened to logging, there is not adequate oversight of the logging companies and there is no accountability. A lawsuit after the landscape has been ravaged is no remedy - not in our life times or even in our children's lifetimes. The harm will have already been done. I also strongly feel that in no circumstances should old roads be reopened or new roads added in the Twisp River Valley. Roads cause immense harm and last almost indefinitely. Thank you for considering these comments and for recognizing that fragility of the environment and the importance of preserving it by significantly reducing the scope of the Midnight Logging Project.