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Comments: Commercial logging should not be done in the Bitterroot National Forest, and specially not so close to the Bitterroot Wilderness. The significant removal of vegetation - including live trees and brush and standing and downed dead timber - will actually promote wildfire spread by allowing uninhibited wind to whip flames through opened-up forest that's been dried by more wind and sun penetration.

Prescribed burning is the preferred method of reducing fuel loads and restoring Montana's forests to the healthy, historical conditions that predate widespread logging and full-suppression wildland firefighting.

No new road construction. Roads should be decommissioned and restored. Road building has immense negative repercussions throughout forest habitat, including negative impacts on wildlife, and should not be occurring here. The Bitterroot Mountains are Grizzly habitat, and while no resident bears currently live there, they do move through. Any new roads would substantially limit their ability to reside permanently in the area.