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Comments: I am a home and land owner in the Lost Horse area of the valley. As someone who witnessed the Bitterroot Valley litterly explode with fire in the summer of 2000, and experience numorus large in the ensuing 23 years, I am absoutley in favor of this project. I have seen first hand the results of neglect combined with so called protection of our forest surrounding our beautiful valley.

I am a believer in forest management including, fuel reduction, large and small expertly managed timber harvest. Projects that allow for harvest of timber on desigenated spacing. I also know that the population of the Bitterroot has grown immensely and homes are deeper into the forest than ever before, so this alone should indicate to anyone with common sense that this project is needed. The use of local contractors is also a positive. Help the local economy while improving the health of our local forest. I approve of all aspects of this project and hope that the plan which I just read is approved and carried out.

I have no doubt that this will be opposed by any number of so called friends of the forest groups. I can only hope that their ideas and plans are implemented in wilderness areas and that common sense prevails in the forest surrounding our homes. Thank You, Michael G. Blair 780 Lost horse rd. Hamilton, MT.