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Please add my comments to the public record on the Draft EA for the Bitterroot Front Project.

*This project covers such a large area, with a variety of habitats, that an EIS rather than an EA is appropriate. An EIS is more thorough, and while that means it is more time-consuming, with so much habitat at stake, I would like to see a higher level of analysis than an EA affords.

*Condition-based Management does not provide the public with enough specific information about the project.

*There should be far more emphasis on the Home Ignition Zone, the 100 feet surrounding a home. Jack Cohen's research should be reflected in the BNF's plans.

*Please add recreation improvements back into the project. During the public meetings a few years ago, many expressed support for those improvements. Not including them seems a bit like a bait and switch.

*Please add spatial buffers around active Peregrine breeding territories. The viewshed approach is not appropriate for these breeding territories. I concur with Bitterroot Audubon's reasoning that Peregrines will be greatly disturbed using just a viewshed approach.