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Comments: I am most vehemently opposed to this project. The Bitterroot National Forest "managers" keep talking about "forest health problems" when the reality is that these same managers are truly the cause, through the more than a century of logging that has been proposed by the Forest Service and carried out by the timber industry. And yet, this very clear fact is ignored as once again the FS proposes yet more logging to fix the problems they have created. To say that logging promotes resilience is the exact opposite of truth, instead it destroys it. The purpose and intent of NEPA and NFMA are being flouted, using a ploy in the form of the proposed condition-based analysis simply in order to avoid the kind of site-specific analysis that a project of this scale requires, and this is clearly illegal and a violation of our environmental protection laws. The project proposes five forest plan amendments because clearly the BNF cannot attain its timber harvest goals by adhering to their own Forest Plan or the environmental laws of our country. With this project the FS will turn the entire Bitterroot Front into a lumber woodlot that will no longer be able to function as or be rightly called a forest. The Forest Service has a mandate and a mission to take care of our national forests, placed in trust by and for the American people, for now and for the future, and this project and others like it, are a travesty and not worthy of these national treasures, the national forests. Sincerely, Carol Blum