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Comments: I object to the "preferred alternative" version of the GMUG forest plan. At the very least Alternative D should be adopted and I think we can do even better than that. My objection is based on the fact that we need to maintain and expand our forests as one of the most important tools we have to slow the climate chaos we have created. Trees sequester carbon--cutting them down for "suitable timber" stops that action, uses fossil fuels creating more emissions, compacts soils, opens up the canopy drying things out and, therefore, increases fire danger. So, greatly decreasing the zones of "suitable timber" by adopting Alternative D or an even more conservation-focused plan is much smarter for humans and non-human species survival and thriving on this planet. Please see the book Smokescreen by Chad Hanson, PhD for the science in support of this objection.

My other objection is the continued allowance of motorized recreation. If we are to get to zero emissions, we need to change our behaviors and motorized recreation is a no-brainer place to stop burning fossil fuels! Stopping motorized recreation on the lands of the USFS and in the air above it would be a huge contribution to what needs to happen to slow climate chaos. In addition, USFS requiring ski lifts to run on wind and solar power would be of great benefit. Please see the science and recommendations of the United Nations Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in support of this objection.

Thank you for the work you do and I hope and pray that the USFS will continue and hasten its transformation from being in service to the timber industry to being in true service to the FORESTS!