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Comments: As a home owner ,mine owner and member of swauk mining district submit this comment on the upper swauk restoration. I have spent alot of time in the forest around liberty washington and it appears the forest is in good shape. However, some trees need to be cut down and lower branches removed to help prevent forest fires. Some trees should be left as snags and others left on the ground to decay and provide habitat for small animals, these small animals would be a food source for bigger animals thus creating a healthy environment for the forest. Most of the roads in liberty were made by miners over 100years ago and were called mine to market roads. These roads must remain open so miners can access their mining claims alot of liberty miners maintain these roads the best they can. Sometimes atv use these roads to race back and forth up a hill and tear up the ground and the miners get blamed for it, miners want a smooth roads to drive on. The forest service should allow miners to install gates on these roads to prevent aggressive atv drivers from tearing up these roads . The pine gulch road has lots of erosion because of heavy atv use, installing new culverts would help reduce erosion. Roads should be left open in liberty so emergency vehicles and first responders have a fast and safe access to an emergency situation. Swauk creek stream bed is getting higher and higher every year because of storm run off and the banning of dredging. Some parts of this creek are just ponds separated by gravel bars that prevent fish from swimming up stream. These small pond have warm water in them and i have seen some big yellow and brown ducks eat about ten fish in five minutes. Small scale suction dredge miners using a 4 inch or smaller dredge would dredge through these gravel looking for flood gold, this would open up a passageway so the fish could swim upstream and escape predators. Suction dredgers also place rocks along the shore of the creek and this makes the channel deeper and prevent stream bank erosion. Small scale suction dredging should be considered in the upper swauk restoration to help improve fish habitat and keep those ducks away from the creek