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Comments: Hello,

Thank you for allowing public comment on this matter. I'm a concerned citizen, born and raised here in Helena and currently reside in East Helena. I vehemently oppose this project.

The fossil fuel industry has been lying to us for years, this project is a direct result of their lies, specifically ExxonMobil. Exxon knew this whole time their fossil fuel industry was and is not healthy for anyone or anything, yet they still continue to deny climate change is real, continuing to provide disinformation about the effects of climate change along with most Montana Republicans who have a stake in the fossil fuel industry. Continuing to burn fossil fuels, which in turn is causing our planet to heat up and burn.

Forest "clean-up" in the name of forest fire prevention, was never a thing when I was a kid, at least not anywhere close to what it is today. This is just another excuse and guise to the real problem, climate change powered by the fossil fuel industry burning. Yet, here we are, "cleaning" up the forest floor, destroying all plant life and creatures living on the forest floor, pumping more fossil fuel exhaust into the forest during "clean-up" activities.

I come across these "clean-up" sites while out hunting, it's absolutely horrible. They leave a few trees standing, the forest floor is completely destroyed. Wildlife quickly moves across these areas, no place to hide or take cover. It's going to take years for these areas to recover, if they recover at all.

The forest doesn't need humans, the forest needs humans to stop burning fossil fuels, it's that simple.

Thank you, please put this project to an end.
Jay