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Comments: From when this habitat was first included in the Twisp Restoration Project in 2020 (and later dropped into the Midnight Project after the Cedar Creek fire) I have recognized the need for restoration in this watershed. Due to over a century of fire suppression and selective logging, there are large patches of forest that are dominated by small dense stands of mostly Douglas Fir. These areas could benefit from selective thinning and burning. However, there are also areas of high-quality habitat with older trees that need to be treated carefully. These late-successional reserves already contain complex forest structure and there is very limited rationale for cutting larger trees in these areas. From the beginning of this Project we have been critical of how commercial objectives have influenced a project that is meant to be restorative in nature. The overall goal of this project should be to help the forest be more resilient in the face of drought and warmer temperatures from climate change. With federal infrastructure funds available to help pay for it, income from log sales shouldn't drive the direction of this project. One of the most significant criticisms of this Environmental Assessment is to close exceptions that allow the logging of trees up to 25" in diameter. Large and old trees are already deficient in this landscape and should be kept standing.