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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed 200,000 acres of timber removal ("Thinning) in the Twisp River watershed in the Methow Valley.

I have seen what happens to our forests in the name of wildfire prevention. These practices decimate our forests.

Valuable timber (big trees) is removed, leaving small, unhealthy trees many of which do not survive.

Slash is left on the ground for years and become tinder for fires. Often the slash is not piled but burned later - several years later. How is that reducing risk of forest fires.

Slash piles, when burned create extremely unhealthy air.

If this type of 'care' of our forests continue, we will no longer have the tourism, the recreational opportunities (fishing, hunting, hiking, horse back riding, etc). as the forests will no longer be appealing.

I hope you will rethink these plans. Thinning as is being done already in some locations is not the answer. In my opinion, it's just a timber grab.

These four logging and burning projects, encompassing nearly 200,000 acres, are unacceptable.