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Comments: I strongly object to this project. The residents and visitors to this place depend upon and expect an intact wilderness (as much as possible given the human history of resource extraction). It is an essential resource for our local economy. It is an essential resource for the health and wellness of the humans that interact with the land here. Those of us who live here have invested our blood, sweat, and tears to live in this beautiful place, the Methow Valley. This land is our riches, our abundance, and we choose to live here because of the abundance of wild, intact land and the opportunity to live in relative harmony with a vast variety of other species including large predators such as bear, cougar, and wolves. We who live here have a sacred agreement with those wild others. Across political boundaries, the inhabitants of the Methow Valley find common ground in, well, the ground we share, the healthy ecology of this place, the wildness, the vastness. Even with the challenges of fire, smoke, flood, and the difficulty in making a living and lack of access to cultural resources we choose to live here. I have been suspicious of the purported fire mitigation/deforestation/logging for years now, and so this just confirms what I have been suspecting…why would logging trucks with a respectable purpose be going through in the wee hours? This is outrageous and dishonest and a deep offense to the shared values of the people who call this place home. Please stop your profit-driven, ecologically deleterious efforts NOW.