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Comments: I strongly object to plowing the north and south side roads up Twisp River during the same winter. You have failed to assess the impacts on winter recreationists of this action. Skiers and snowmobilers use these roads frequently in the winter. They are often seeking a less trafficked alternative to the highway 20 corridor, and this action would eliminate this opportunity. This is a very special place to the local users, who value the short drive to the solitude this area provides.

You have also failed to disclose for how many winters the plowing would occur. Furthermore, reliance on winter logging to reduce soil disturbance is becoming increasingly risky as the low elevation snowpack seems to be less robust. Do you have a backup plan in case sufficient snowpack to protect soils does not occur during the term of the project?

I also object to cutting large trees of 21-25 inches dbh. There are just not many trees this size in the project area and your rationale for harvesting large trees does not take this into account. Trees grow slowly in this area, and it will take a very long time to replace the large trees harvested.