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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I object to the latest proposal of the Midnight Restoration Project, which would remove 69 million board feet of forest. The proposal exploits the fear of fire by claiming the project is only a "fuels reduction" plan. I object to the imminent impacts on endangered species, the threats to recreation usability, and the destruction of the natural character of the Twisp River Corridor, a cherished recreation portal with nine trailheads and seven campgrounds.

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

The Forest Service has been funded as part of an Infrastructure Bill to log forests in the name of "forest health" and "fire mitigation," even though studies show thinning forests does not mitigate fires. The mainstream media and even environmental groups are pushing this lie. Chad Hanson has written a book called "Smokescreen: Debunking Wildfire Myths to Save Our Forests and Our Climate," which describes how the mainstream idea that logging forests mitigate fires is incorrect.

Here's a related article by Chad - https://grist.org/fix/opinion/forest-thinning-logging-makes-wildfires-worse/
And another that quotes him - https://nevadacurrent.com/2023/01/25/scientist-trees-felled-in-vain-in-name-of-fire-control/

I strongly object to the Midnight Restoration Project. Please do your research. Logging does not stop fires, it only destroys forests.

Thanks, Rebecca Wildbear