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Comments: Dear USFS Management

I have four major concerns about the Midnight Resource Management Project slated for the upper Twisp River drainage:

1. USFS personnel should be directly in the field monitoring and supervising commercial timber thinning operations. Trees that meet the marginal threshold for removal should be measured and marked by Forest Service staff

2. 20.5 inches is too wide a diameter for commercial harvesting. Trees in the east slopes of the Cascades do not grow as large as western slope counterparts. Diameter for taking should be reduced to 18 inch diameter or less.

3. Some smaller healthy trees should be left in the understory to achieve forest health and mixed aged stands and wildlife habitat.

4. Major concern about timber harvesting in late successional reserves and potential wilderness study areas to make sure that management activities won't jeopardize designations or protections.

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