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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of Twisp River, I'm familiar with the habitat and landscape of the upper Twisp River and Little Bridge Creek drainages. I'm writing to share concerns about commercial logging as part of the Midnight Restoration Project. Specifically, the issues below:

- Logging of large diameter trees: This project should specifically protect large diameter trees in a landscape where they provide critical habitat and play an important role in the ecosystem. Thinning smaller diameter trees makes more sense for both fire protection and forest health.
- Avoid logging on steeper slopes where equipment creates more damage to the understory and increases risks of landslides.
- Close the late successional reserve to firewood gathering. There are plenty of smaller diameter trees for firewood harvest. There's no scientific reason for people to harvest larger trees to burn.
- Protect the understory where logging occurs by leaving 70-105 trees of varying diameter to encourage a varied forest.

Also, I encourage the USFS to decommission all roads that are reopened for this project. There currently are plenty of roads in these areas for recreational access.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I appreciate the hard work and thought that accompanies these impactful decisions. My hope is that USFS commits to considering the values of forest health and wildlife protection in your decision making.