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Comments: As a resident of Washington and a frequent visitor to the Methow Valley, I share concerns that The Midnight proposal continues to allow far too many exceptions for the logging of large trees. By the Methow Valley Ranger District's own evaluations, large trees are deficient in this landscape and are an essential component of maintaining the structure and function of the forest. These trees can withstand fire and drought and play an important role in storing carbon. To restore old forests on the Midnight Project, all large trees over 20.9" in diameter should be kept. Ask that the Forest Service drop all exceptions for cutting large trees especially in the Late-Successional Reserves. Only true safety hazards trees should be cut and they should be documented and reported.

Logging should be minimized on steep slopes because it conflicts with restoration objectives.

I am also concerned with treatments that impact lynx and spotted owl habitat, why would any plan risk endangering an animal that is already endangered? Please do not shrink the habitat for these animals.

We are rapidly loosing trees in Seattle that measure over 30" diameter, yet we are constantly being told by outer local governments that it's to help preserve the tree on the east side, if we focus growth and density in the city itself. This plan is a conflict with what is the reason portrayed in Seattle as to why it's alright to remove the city trees, for the sake of preservation of tree in the east.