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Comments: It is a considerable responsibility for the Forest Service to be given to care for the lands and be in service of the people. I see in these public comments for this project all the requests on the one hand to remove the protections to trees based on diameter and age, and to add in the provision for timber products; and on the other hand to be much more thoughtful in the plan so that the (endangered) species who live in these forest lands might survive.

Given the large scale, significant importance, and public interest in this project, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be required describing more alternative treatments proposed for the Twisp River Watershed forests. The EIS should provide greater detailed silvicultural prescriptions than currently provided in the Midnight Restoration project descriptions. An EIS, compared to the Biological Assessment that was conducted, will provide more alternative approaches to be considered by the public, scientific community, and natural resource agencies.

If the mandate of the Forest Service is truly 'care for the lands' then please carry this responsibility with integrity and make choices that support the flourishing of these lands for generations to come.

{{And, because I have had the wonder to be in the area and witness the moon rise in autumn, the rivers dancing and tumbling together in summer, and the inflorescences of wildflowers across the hillsides bursting with the promise of a spring morning, I will say I carry a deep hope that these and all the other ones who live and love this place are tended well and given the chance to prosper.}}