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To whom it may concern at the Forest Service:

I am a full-time resident of the Methow Valley, and live and work here. I am writing in regards to the Midnight Restoration Project #63933. I commend all the work that went into planning for this project, particularly planning for prescribed burns to rejuvenate the forest.

As you know, this proposed area is a wild, less inhabited area of the valley with a variety of wildlife and large trees. It is quiet, special and deserves protecting. I've been going up there for 30 years and it feels so much more wild, shady and full of wild life than any other drainage in the Methow Valley. Please don't destroy that.

I urge you to change a few things in this plan:

1.Minimize logging on steep slopes in this plan, which can disrupt soils, so it can be congruent with the restoration goals.
2.Firewood gathering should not be allowed in the Late Successional Reserves so it remains consistent with the NW Forest Plan's current policy. There are other areas to gather firewood and valuable large snags need to be protected for wildlife.
3.Trees over 20.9" need to be marked and recorded and kept, and should NOT be logged. That defeats the purpose of the restoration goals for this area, and taking those trees is only for financial gain.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Blue Bradley