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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Please do not cut these trees, especially the old trees that have proven to be fire resilient.

Please look into other methods of fuels reduction, namely cheatgrass, slash, too-thick-but-spindly stands, or too much brush. Please do not cut in order to extract board-feet. Your plan will increase fire sensitivity in the Methow, not reduce it.

The Methow Valley needs outdoor recreation to survive economically, and this depends on the forest. We hike, ski and drive through the forests there yearly, and would not like to see the largest trees cut at all, no matter how much it purports to reduce fuels.

Thank you for listening to recreationists and people that bring funds to the valley.

-Ms. Menin