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Comments: I have been a part-time resident of the Twisp river valley for 30 years. I value the area for its clean clear river and for the old forests and wildlife. My family and I have hiked and fished in this drainage for over 40 years.

We support the NO-ACTION alternative. We strongly disagree with the Forest Service's overly aggressive plans to cut trees in this forest, particularly in the name of "ecological restoration". There should be no cutting of any large trees, which are naturally fire resistant and already are deficient in the landscape. The proposed exception for large trees between 21 and 25" is simply not acceptable. Old style logging has no place in forest restoration because it degrades the land, destroys wildlife habitat and cannot replicate natural fire thinning of ground fuels.

I think the Forest service should scrap this project and spend some time rethinking how to protect our community from wildfire starting with thinning the forests directly surrounding the community, not 10 or more miles away.

The Midnight project does not fulfill the intended goal of protecting our community from wildfire or restoring the forest to a natural state. Commercial logging does nothing to further these goals.

Thank you
Kathleen Fisher