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Comments: I find the characterization of a 10-year implementation schedule as an "emergency" somewhat disingenuous. However, the rationale that fire "treatments" need to occur, is credible. The exclusion of fire & overgrowth of shade-tolerant species seems to be everywhere, including in the Swan, where there certainly is a lot of dense forest.

Here's what I find questionable &/or concerning:

*Where's the financing to pay for the unspecified acres of tree-planting? Saying that you'll plant, doesn't mean you have the means to do so. The statement that 83% of Flathead units regenerate naturally within 5 years is very good, but still. ?

*There's no mention of winter logging, which is SO MUCH easier on soils, leads to far less compaction & erosion, so recovery happens much faster. Why not? This is a (fairly) high snow area, winter work should be feasible. (Actually, looking again, I do find PDF-Soil recommendations for winter logging &/or work only when soils are dry. Would be even better to see those recommendations for all the work done on this project with heavy equipment.)

*Who is going to buy this wood? With Pyramid closed, is there a market? So that you guys aren't just spinning your wheels creating projects that will never happen.

*Please include doing road maintenance on Pierce Lake road 1030, on the south edge of the project area. Road 1030 needs to have drainage ditches cleaned out, the road surface recontoured, and surfacing added.

I see my comments are all about implementation, not really the plan. ? Are there ways to assure the careful planning gets reflected in implementation?

Looks like this has been carefully considered and you guys have crossed many t's & dotted many i's. Good job! Thank you!