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Comments: First, I would like to recognize some of the positive changes made to the last proposal, including:

- >No logging of big and old-growth trees >21" diameter at breast height.
- >Development of a substantial (nearly 25,000 acres!) wildlife corridor map crisscrossing the project area.
- >Decommissioning 17.4 miles of defunct roads, nearly all of which were no longer in use.
- >Reduction of commercial logging acres by 20%.

That said, and to be clear, I strongly object to the Morgan Nesbit timber sale.

Why? First and foremost, there are not enough alternatives being considered. Even in this type of shortened environmental review (Environmental Assessment, or "EA"), agencies are required to consider a suite of alternatives or scenarios. This analysis did not accomplish that - it merely analyzed the possible impacts of their preferred project, and the impact of doing nothing. This is not a substantial analysis.

Second, the Hells Canyon National Recreation is treated no differently than normal lands set aside for timber production. 43% of this project area is inside the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, a place specifically recognized, and protected, by Congress for its special values. This means that it has its own management plan which is separate from the Forest Plan for the overall National Forest, and includes limitations on why, how, and where they can log. The Forest Service needs to acknowledge and directly address this.

Third, commercial units should be further amended to exclude places that haven't been logged before, are part of important unroaded habitat blocks, or would require "temporary" road building to access them. No temporary roads should be built to complete this project, especially considering existing road densities within the forest. Commercial units within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area must match the intent of the Comprehensive Management Plan.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully consider comments in your decision.