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Comments: I support the 2012 OWNF Swauk Restoration Strategy.

I propose and encourage that active forest management be carried out with long term (20yr) stewardship contracts.

This is the only way we can encourage and incentivize forest products companies to make the investments to create markets for the vast amount of biomass that needs to be removed to create and maintain healthy, fire resilient forest ecosystems providing for all the resource values --- including commodities. By this I mean timber, minerals, grazing, non- sawlog biomass and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Further, the project should encourage and provide incentives for industry entrepreneurs to develop necessary processing facilities for non-saw log biomass - think wood to energy and biochar. We need long term biomass feed stock supplies in order to develop these biomass markets. In turn, these non traditional products from the forest will provide forest managers alternatives to carryout vegetation management for forest health and fire resiliency through out the Swauk project.