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Comments: Dear Ranger Robinson,

Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition (KFACC) would like to thank the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) and the Cle Elum Ranger District for developing the draft EA and FONSI designed to increase the resilience of the Upper Swauk Restoration project area.

KFACC supports the Purpose and Need for the project including wildfire risk reduction and other multi-beneficial activities meant to increase the resilience of the landscape for diverse values at risk. The project would also reduce risks posed by wildfire and climate change to adjacent the surrounding communities for the people who live, work and recreate in this landscape.

KFACC strongly supports Alternative 2 - Proposed Action of the Upper Swauk Restoration Project. The proposed treatments would enhance forest resilience in the face of climate change, wildfire, drought, and insects and disease, and aid in future fire suppression and reduce hazards and risks to communities and critical infrastructure.

Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition thanks your team and the OWNF for its leadership on planning forest restoration and fuels reduction activities near the communities that are home to the residents of Kittitas County. We look forward to our continued partnership to improve strengthen resiliency for the Kittitas County communities and landscapes.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have questions or would like to discuss these comments further, please contact Savannah Davies by emailing sdavies@kcfd7.com or by calling 509.859.1724

Sincerely,

Rose Beaton

KFACC Chair - 2025