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Comments: As an American with a keen interest in protecting National Forests and with a special interest in the unique beauty and ecology of the Yaak Valley Forest, I have some questions regarding this project:

Why was there no collaboration with Yaak Valley Forest Council, especially given that collaboration is a key requirement under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act? They requested this collaboration back in July, when they began noticing trees being painted, often in mature and old-growth forests.

The proposed units are primarily located adjacent to private property, yet landowners have not been contacted to discuss how shared management goals, under the "Good Neighbor Authority," could be integrated.

More details need to be provided as soon as possible with the Yaak Valley Forest Council, to assure any actions are truly in the best interest of forest protection.