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Comments: My husband and I spend every summer visiting the Yaak -- we fly fish, hike and campout throughout the area. We often spend \$10,000 on rental, guides, meals, clothing and equipment.

This is one of the "Last Wild Places" in the country and that is the reason we visit.

Our concerns:

Why was there no collaboration with YVFC, especially given that collaboration is a key requirement under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act? We requested this collaboration back in July, when we 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.

Please do not destroy this area. There are many people like us to say nothing of the people and wildlife who make this area so amazing.