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Comments: The citizens want public comments and collaboration to understand this plan by USFS. The USFS is not being transparent and accountable to the citizens that want the forest protected, for watershed and protection of wildlife, especially endangered Grizzly Bears. Why was there no collaboration with Yaak Valley Forest Council, 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.

YVFC looks forward to exploring what specific species and size classes are being targeted for treatment in each unit. YVFC wants to discuss the anticipated effect of more than 2500 acres of commercial logging upon grizzly bear recovery and discuss weed control and abatement strategies. We're keen to explore how slash piles might be managed from proposed logging, and the aridifying effects of clearcutting and soil compaction from skidding and other heavy mechanized equipment.

YVFC looks forward to examining the degree of fuel loading in the proposed units and gathering data on stocking levels, basal area, species composition, and the desired future conditions as outlined in the Forest Plan, using the best available science.