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Comments: I am writing to oppose the upper banks fuels reduction project #68787.

This project has proposed impacts that have not been carefully considered. The Yaak is a very special and sensitive place and we as citizens deserve the right to have a voice in what logging is done on public lands and how it is done.

Clear cutting is an antiquated process that historically has been devastating to landscapes and habitats.

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.

I am requesting a field trip and more extended comment period with transparency on what is planned and that environmentally sound logging practices will be adhered to in this very sensitive habitat.