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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity the comment on the midnight restoration project.

1. I continue to object to piling and burning in roadless areas. Live trees store significantly more carbon actively as they grow, but after fires, most carbon stays in the forest as dead wood. Piling and burning releases carbon, making live, healthy forests the best storage for carbon.

Sawtooth IRA, no new permanent or temporary road construction is proposed with this alternative.

I support this decision.

I continue to object to cutting any tree except hazard trees , > than 20.9" DBH.

I quote again from my previous input to the Midnight Restoration Project.

This is from the Twisp Ranger District 1994 Twisp River analysis " since the 1940s when harvest began, about 295 million board feet have been removed for approximately 34,000 acres. In the 1960s in that decade, 103 million board of timber was removed from the Twisp river watershed" . And the 1970s about 50 million board feet and 1980s another 40 million board feet were removed from the Twisp River drainage.

The majority of the forest in areas in the Twisp River drainage have been harvested multiple times, and have burned in the wildfires, clear cut, and burned. I object to the cutting of trees > 21 inches DBH.

A living, mature forest actively sequesters more carbon and is the ideal long-term store.

Sincerely

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