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Comments: Dear Ranger Davies and Members of the Hungry Horse Ranger District,

I am writing to share my opinion regarding the proposed Granite Moccasin logging project.

I support responsible forest thinning and fuel management when they are appropriately scaled and carefully sited. However, I believe the scope of the Granite Moccasin project is too large and extends into areas that are ecologically sensitive. In particular, the project's proximity to the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork of the Flathead River is deeply concerning. This landscape holds exceptional ecological, scenic, and recreational value, and activities of this scale pose significant risks to those qualities.

I am also concerned about the construction of additional roads within this habitat. Road building can cause long-term impacts, including habitat fragmentation, increased erosion, and diminished wildlife security-effects that are especially troubling in such a unique and largely intact area.

I have spent many hours, days, and miles traveling through this landscape, recreating, observing wildlife, and appreciating its natural character. The potential loss of recreational value and wilderness experience is not abstract to me; it is personal. I would hate to see this area's character and accessibility for quiet recreation degraded by industrial-scale activity.

For these reasons, while I support forest management in principle, I do not support the Granite Moccasin project as currently proposed. I urge the Forest Service to reconsider the project's scale and location, and to prioritize protection of sensitive habitats and the outstanding values of the Middle Fork corridor.

Thank you for considering my comments and for the work you do managing our public lands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Powell