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Comments:

1- Do not log and build roads in the Pinnacle Creek watershed, where a 1993 Forest Service Environmental Impact Statement concluded that existing roads had increased sediment yield to that creek by nearly 12-fold and that "Roads will continue to generate sediment indefinitely unless they are restored to a pre-road condition."

2- Do not log and build roads in the Skyland area, which is far from the Highway 2 power line and transportation corridor - and also has a history of unstable soils, road slumps and culvert failures.

3- While removing trees that can strike power lines may help prevent wildfires, logging and thinning forests actually makes them drier, windier and more prone to rapid fire spread.

4- First complete the Forest Plan amendment you promised in 2022 to clarify what types of activities are allowed and not allowed in areas the Plan recommends be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System - before planning prescribed burns and whitebark pine restoration that may involve motorized equipment in proposed Wilderness and roadless areas.

5- Exercise your discretion under the emergency authority and prepare an in-depth Draft Environmental Impact Statement, then release it for a 90-day public comment period before finalizing it. Past EIS's show you have big problems to fix in this area, and not make worse!

6- There should be substantive survey data for all TES and MIS species in the planning area and mitigation measures for each.