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Comments: I am pro wildfire management responsible, sustainable logging. However, this proposed project is not yet that, though it could be if appropriate changes are made. The area that this project would occur in is a dynamic ecosystem and needs to be considered as such. A very detailed environmental assessment is crucial to this being a successful project. Please consider the following:

Remove the maximum amount of road building language from this proposal. Any essential road building should take into consideration the watershed health and runoff hazards to the Middle Fork Flathead Wild and Scenic River Corridor. Any non-essential roads for commercial timber harvest and utility infrastructure should be removed from the proposal.

The logging that can occur without new road construction and is approved through a thorough EA process can legitimately be considered fire management. Planting whitebark pine that is rust resistant also makes sense for improving the overall forest health in Slippery Bill-Puzzle Recommended Wilderness Area. Other activities not permissible in RW should not be done in Slippery Bill-Puzzle.

Thank you for collecting and heeding public input, as is the responsibility of our public lands agencies.