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Comments: Thank you District Ranger Rob Davies for requesting public input on this project. I am asking the following concerning the Granite Moccasin Project. I oppose new road construction. If roads must be built, they should then be "obliterated" afterward. That the whitebark pine restoration in the recommended wilderness utilize hand tools and be conducted via foot and stock access only, not helicopters, as currently required by the Flathead National Forest Plan. The Forest Service should offer a public meeting and site tours, and provide photos depicting examples of the proposed treatment types when the draft environmental assessment is released. I request the EA provide justification for the commercial treatments being proposed in inventoried roadless areas. Detail how the treatments in IRAs will maintain or improve roadless area characteristics. How will the EA impact the Middle Fork of the Flathead: fisheries, geology, water quality, wildfire, recreation, scenery, history, and ethnography. How will these values be protected? Thank you for considering my comments.

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