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Comments: I am writing to express my firm opposition to the Granite Moccasin Project. While I recognize the necessity of wildfire mitigation, this proposal represents an overreach that prioritizes commercial timber interests over the ecological integrity of one of Montana's most sensitive landscapes.

My primary concern lies in the proposal to construct 7.6 miles of new roads within a region that serves as a critical corridor for federally protected species. The project area borders the Great Bear Wilderness and Glacier National Park; introducing industrial activity and road infrastructure here will inevitably fragment habitat and disrupt the security of the grizzly bear and Canada lynx populations. Furthermore, the sediment runoff from these roads poses a direct threat to the water quality of the Middle Fork Flathead River-a Wild and Scenic designated waterway.

Additionally, I strongly object to the use of "emergency authority" to bypass the standard administrative objection process. By stripping away these procedural safeguards, the Forest Service is effectively silencing the community and local stakeholders. Public lands should not be managed through shortcuts. A project spanning over 67,000 acres-much of it within Inventoried Roadless Areas-deserves the highest level of scrutiny, not an expedited path that favors clearcutting over conservation.

Logging 2,364 acres under the guise of "restoration" is a mischaracterization of forest health. True resilience is built through natural processes, not by removing mature, fire-resistant trees that provide essential canopy cover.

I urge the Forest Service to withdraw the current proposal and develop a revised plan that focuses exclusively on non-commercial thinning near existing infrastructure, eliminates all new road construction, and respects the roadless character of the Flathead National Forest.