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Comments: I greatly appreciate the fact that District Ranger Bob Davies requested public input on the Granite Moccasin Project. It would also be very helpful if the USFS would offer a public meeting and provide photos depicting examples of the proposed treatment types for this project. In addition, the Environmental Assessment (EA) should provide justification for the commercial treatments that are proposed in inventoried roadless areas. I ask that the EA also describe how the project will impact the "outstanding remarkable values" associated with the affected stretch of the Middle Fork.

I fully support whitebark pine restoration but ask that in recommend wilderness areas you conduct it via foot and stock access only, rather than helicopters, as currently required by the Flathead National Forest Plan.

I completely oppose new road construction. Even roads made "inaccessible" still cause long term sedimentation. As a private forest landowner I know from experience that new roads facilitate access by the public that is difficult to control and degrades wildlife habitat. Any roads that must be built should be obliterated afterward.

Finally, I ask that treatment design and location consider potential impact on wildlife connectivity along Highway 2.

Thank you for your consideration.