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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Tierney and I am currently an undergraduate senior at Arizona State University. I am passionate about wildlife and am concerned about the irreversible impacts that the Pilgrim Timber Sale will have on the grizzly bear population in Montana. Under the section "Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences- Grizzly Bear" it is stated that there will be some level of adverse impacts to female grizzly bears in the area. It is then stated that "The project would not lead to population-level effects". Conserving female grizzlies is critical for grizzly population and genetic diversity. According to the director of Native Ecosystems Council, Sara Johnson, the minimum viable population for grizzlies is an important factor. I urge the EIS to include plans to ensure that the minimum viable population is protected throughout this project. She also states that most bears are killed within 500 meters of roads. I appreciate that the EIS includes that illegal motor activity will be monitored. However, I believe that these statistics should be included so that the public may be made aware of this.

Thank you very much for your time,

Tierney