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Subject: Comment on Bear Palmer #68985

Upon reviewing the Bear Palmer Forest Health Project, I conclude it should be renamed the BP Forest ill-Health Project. The proposed Treatment Types and large acreage disturbance will not nurture this forest landscape, nor strengthen its ecosystem services, nor enhance its wildlife habitat, nor encourage responsible use. And what a shame those negative impacts would be for our shared future. Truly, there is a need for complete EIS knowledge and more precise treatment protocols to help avoid potentially worse outcomes, such as the industrial mining contamination problem. "According to historical production records, the Jardine-Crevasse Mining District produced gold, silver, copper, tungsten, and documented arsenic, with an arsenic processing plant that operated from 1923 to 1945 and cyanide processing through 1948. The Forest Service's effects document acknowledges the mining history but provides no analysis of what happens when logging equipment and new road construction disturb soils in drainages that may contain legacy arsenic, heavy metals, and cyanide residues. Bear Creek runs directly through the historic mining district and into the Yellowstone River." Therefore, please consider my comment as a request for a site-specific contaminant survey with a completed Clean Water Act analysis, so you can honestly adjust this so-called Forest Health Project from such a harmful logging operation. In these times of Climate Warming chaos, the Forest Service should take every opportunity to transition to saving and propagating trees and other forest vegetation to utilize their 'free' carbon sink attributes.

Sincerely, Catherine P. Logan