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Comments: I oppose this action as proposed, and I ask the agency to weigh these specific issues:
The Forest Service should justify why salvage logging 600 acres burned by the White Pine Fire on the Nezperce-Clearwater National Forest should take place instead of allowing natural forest recovery. Opening and maintaining 9 miles of temporary roads also risks long-term soil and watershed damage on the Palouse Ranger District. The proposal bundles visitor infrastructure changes at the Giant White Pine Trailhead with industrial salvage logging, and these distinct activities deserve separate environmental review under NEPA. The Forest Service needs to get its priorities straight and not go for the timber quotas.
The Nezperce-Clearwater National Forests matter to me because they represent the notion that natural lands belong to the public to explore and witness. The Forest Service should not pursue salvage logging there, because there will be lasting damage.