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Comments: I oppose this action as proposed, and I ask the agency to weigh the specific harms below:

Post-fire landscapes recover efficiently on their own. Heavy machinery alters fragile, recovering soils and crushes early native vegetation.

Dead trees (snags) and downed wood provide crucial habitats for local wildlife and deliver vital nutrients back into the soil.

The Forest Service should provide clear, scientific evidence that commercial timber extraction serves genuine forest health rather than commercial profit.

The USFS should remember that the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is a highly protected public landscape requiring strict environmental scrutiny before any commercial logging is approved.

Thank you