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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to state my vehement opposition to the Flat Tail Vegetation Management Project. The public deserves honesty, transparency, and science-based stewardship of our national forests - and this project fails on all three counts.

The Flat Tail proposal follows the same pattern seen across recent vegetation projects in the region: misleading fire-risk claims, selective use of wildlife data, and a clear preference for commercial logging over genuine ecological protection. When an agency repeatedly downplays impacts to threatened species, inflates the benefits of logging, and pushes road-building under the guise of "temporary access," it raises legitimate concerns about institutional corruption - not in the criminal sense, but in the sense of bending science, process, and public trust to serve predetermined outcomes.

The public has already witnessed federal courts reprimand similar projects for misrepresenting environmental analysis and failing to accurately assess grizzly bear presence. When the same tactics appear again in Flat Tail, it is impossible to ignore the pattern. This project appears designed to advance timber extraction first and justify it later, with environmental review treated as an obstacle rather than a responsibility.

I demand full transparency, including corrected wildlife data, honest fire-risk assessment, and a clear explanation of why road expansion is being pushed despite its well-documented harm to habitat, water quality, and species survival. I also demand that all decision-makers involved disclose any conflicts of interest, including relationships with timber contractors or industry groups.

Until these issues are addressed openly and without manipulation, the Flat Tail Vegetation Management Project should not move forward. The public deserves better than recycled talking points, selective science, and opaque decision-making.

Sincerely,

Rita

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