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Comments: First of all, this is a very impressive and wide-ranging proposal, and is important and necessary. Please take my comments as proposed changes.

Phased approvals:

- o Separate decisions should be issued for each of the five phases of the project to allow for public input at each phase and decision point.

- . Incorporate an adaptive management strategy that allows course corrections along the way as new information becomes available.

Forest Thinning:

- o Follow the direction outlined in the 2012 Forest Restoration Strategy and avoid logging trees over 20" in diameter.

- . Logging of any larger trees should be described as an exception to the rule.

- . Develop a clear monitoring and logging tracking program and develop measures to adapt the project over time.

ATV Access:

- o The Forest Service should remove the ATV access component of the project and consider this proposal in a separate process.

Old Growth, Roadless and potential Wilderness designated areas:

- o The Forest Service should not call for large fuel breaks in old-growth reserves and focus on thinning small trees from below in Roadless Areas.

- . Treatments in these old-growth protected areas should be consistent with Forest Service management objectives, permitting only thinning of small-diameter trees and avoiding new road construction and ground disturbing activities.

Salvage Logging:

- o The Forest Service should not permit salvage logging in Roadless Areas due to impacts on the land and dubious value.