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Pilot Thompson Timber Sale

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Hello Stephanie,

Went for a hike yesterday to a place that is in our Williams foothills with the forest dissected by ribbons, We wondered if the big trees that are ribboned off going or to be saved. We could only speculate that the BLM doesn't take trees bigger than 20" and that made us think that the ribbons mean save..... OK we said, we think that this forest is looking fine just naturally but there is some thinning going on.....

But today I got an email telling of this Thompson Timber Sale and it is the trees with ribbons that are going to be cut! I am in shock. Are we going back to the old practices that we endured for years, take the biggest trees and leave the smallest. Haven't the trials and tests proved that that isn't the best sustainable practice? I know it is called a Pilot Sale, does that exempt it from protecting our natural forests.

Thanks for reading this and hope you are able to understand that we love our larger trees and have been so enjoying watching them grow in the last decade, and now the fear of the reverse practice is hard to believe, especially with all the clear cutting that is happening in the private land holdings.

Please understand,

These forests are for our children....

Sincerely,