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Dear whom it may concern,

My name is Zachary Ziska and I am a student pursuing a Bachelors of Forestry and Natural Resources at Green River Community College in Auburn, WA. I have completed my Associates degree in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Water Quality, Forestry, and Recreation, and have a strong passion and educational background on the topics and issues revolving stream ecology and salmon restoration.

I am writing this public comment to address the SEPA#202205183, on the Twisp River Wood Amendment: Poorman and Little Bridge Creeks. I am impressed and fully support the proposals and methods for using streamside felling and large woody debris in order to increase cover and instream complexity to encourage the formation of pools within the creeks of the Twisp River Watershed. Salmon, trout, and native fish habitat are critical to protect and preserve as our native fish population is in decline due to habitat degradation. Adding restoration components (as mentioned in the project action proposal) will promote the stream channel stability, debris filtration, and create habitat, which are all essential to restore streams and native fish habitat. Potential suggestions that could be taken into consideration is to incorporate a native conifer planting restoration to make up for the fell trees cut down along the stream bank. Restoring by planting young conifers is beneficial as it will eventually develop roots to stabilize the streambank and ultimately grow to provide shade and important canopy cover to keep the streams a cool temperature which is essential for the native fish. I am interested to see if there is a future vegetation restoration plan along the streambank where the trees were felled, and if this suggestion would be taken into consideration.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to become a party of record and to learn about the progression and future of this restoration project and its proposal. In the meantime, if you require additional information, I can be reached at (206)-853-1768 or via email at zachary.ziska@gmail.com. I very much appreciate your time and dedication for this restoration project and I look forward to hearing back when convenient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary Ziska', written in a cursive style.

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