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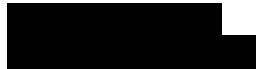
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I object to any project that includes prescribed burning. National news has published a recent article that talks about lung health in Montana along with Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain states. Our lung health will be compromised due to forest burning, wood stove smoke, and other particulate pollution, mostly caused by open burning and wildfires.

All human started fires, including prescribed burns, should be halted. These are sources we can control. And, you have provided no evidence that prescribed burns have ever stopped or lessened pollution from wildfires. Subjecting our lungs to yearround burning with spring and fall prescribed burning, summer wildfires, and winter wood stove smoke is causing lung and heart disease and other illnesses like vocal cord dysfunction, asthma, sarcoidosis, etc. If you check the health records in these areas, you will come to the same conclusion. We must immediately stop all burning, including prescribed burning, slash burning, wood stove use, and all open burning. Again, these are sources we can control.

We can also control wildfires, by cutting trees and chipping the slash without compromising our lung health. It is high time to think outside the box and ancient forestry practices of having to start fires.

Sincerely,  
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