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Dear Mr. Pappani,

We and our neighbors are very glad to know the PNF has proposed a project to reduce the fire hazard in the Big Creek area. We do have some questions about details for the project that are not clear in the July 20, 2018 letter announcing this project. It is possible a larger version of the Project Map may answer most of our questions. It is difficult to deduce some details because of the map scale.

As shown on the Project map, the project proposes a fuels treatment of thin/harvest immediately adjacent to most parcels of private property that adjoin Forest Service Land. The width, and extent of this treatment is critical especially in the immediate vicinity of Edwardsburg since a prescribed burn is planned adjoining much of the thin/harvest areas. In your proposed meeting in Big Creek on September 2, 2018 it would be appreciated if you could provide additional information on what this treatment will look like.

There are some areas in the Edwardsburg area (and perhaps elsewhere such as the Sunbeam & Moscow Mines) where access to the thin/harvest area would be very difficult without crossing some private lands especially if harvest implies some removal. We don't believe there should be any problem obtaining the necessary access (certainly not from Lois & I), but that is something that should be on your check list.

We have questions about the protections for the airstrip (and airstrip facilities), campground, Lodge and USFS Guard Station during the prescribed burn - we couldn't see where the Project Map and letter address this.

In discussing this project with our neighbors we were glad to see some thin/harvest along Smith Creek, Pueblo Summit, Government Creek and north of Profile Gap. Is there anyway this fuels reduction can also be woven in to the existing free wood permit program? Finally we do hope this Fuels Reduction project is not the last effort for the greater Big Creek area. Cases in point are more prescribed burns in the Logan Creek drainage, and so much private property surrounded by hazardous fuels along the Profile Road. We are looking forward to working with you, and meeting you on September 2, 2018.

I have attached two files primarily for the benefit of some neighbors that are cc'd on this email, but we have not yet had the opportunity to discuss this project with them, and we don't know if they received your July 20, 2018 letter. The attachments include the document "Opportunity for Public Comment" containing the Project Map (page 6) referred to above & a slightly larger scale map of the Edwardsburg area taken from Valley County records that shows actual parcel boundaries & the proposed thin/harvest area so property owners are aware of specifics. On page 1 of the Opportunity for Public Comment is a website address to keep informed on this project.

There are at least 8 home owners that I don't have email addresses for, and that includes J. Patchett, ? Johnson, ? Tutt Lorne Tracy, Jim Davies, Paul Smith, Ray Moore & his wife Becky, and Nancy ? (owner of the Neal Ranch). so if any one can insure these folks (and any others that should be) are notified of this project that would be good.