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comments on FEIS-LAVA Medicine Bow-Routt

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On 7/24/2018 I made the following comments on the DEIS.

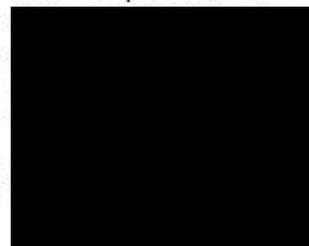
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As a long time resident of Wyoming and recreational user of the Medicine Bow Forest, I am appalled at the scale and scope of this project. You are trying to manipulate mother nature and that never works. The insect infestations and periodic fires are a natural cycle, albeit impacted by global warming. Rather than trying to affect these cycles by logging and road building, efforts should be focussed on the environmental problems on the global scale. I agree with efforts to protect private property and human safety. However, people who build in and live in the forest have to accept the associated risks. The Medicine Bow forest has already been heavily logged and too many roads built. There is precious little left that has not been commercialized. Further, in my 30+ years of using the forest, it is abundantly clear that recreational use has increased dramatically and continues to do so. the needs of this sector far outweigh short term profits from logging.

After seeing the FEIS, I am again appalled at the lack of response especially to the authorization of vast amounts of logging and road building. This plan should be set aside and a blank slate established for a steering committee with broad representation from all forest users to work on a plan the reflects the growing recreational uses and the lack of economic viability of logging. Very sad!