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Folks,

Your Purpose and Need should be to promote and maintain a healthy forest. Your policies for the last 30 years have absolutely failed. Here in the Wind Rivers the forest are 70 to 90% dead. The Need is to remove the dead in order to get more regeneration. Surely I don't need to tell you all the benefits of a healthy forest, from atmosphere to wildlife to local economies. The Town of Dubois has been suffocating under your management, which has abandoned the directives that would have promoted a healthy forest. Instead, you have taken the roles of fire management and people management. Simply, you are not doing your job.

We need more roads with less red tape or restrictions so the public can at least participate better in removing the dead timber.

We need forest industries that help make the forest healthy along with the rippling benefits to wildlife, land, water, air, and the local economy. With industry, they take care of the roads which benefits the public and helps you save money for other needs that make for a healthier forest.

If you want people to be responsible, then give them back ownership. You have far too many restrictions that deprive the people of the uses of the forest.

The Russian Kremlin is a "police state". We Do Not need a police state. The resources of the forest are a God Given resource intended to be used by the people whose God Given Right it is to do so. Quit acting as God and start doing the job you were intended to do: Take care of the forest, make it healthy. Closing more roads does not make a healthier forest. This community has been regulated to death. If you can't take care of the forest, keeping them healthy, then "we the people" need to get rid of the dead waste of government by Fire-ring the Forest Service, just as you have gone to the same process for getting rid of dead waste in the forest.

Sincerely,  
Monte Baker