

Bitterroot National Forest Dept:

Hello, my name is Holly Gonscema.
I own 4254 North Fork Rye Creek Rd
in Darby. I'm happy to hear about
the fuels break project. My family
has owned this property since 1948.
My Dad and grandpa built the
cabin there themselves. In the
2000 fire's our cabin was burned
completely. With being so far back
and not having bush clearing and
tree thinning our home didn't stand
a chance. We just completed the rebuild
24 years later. That's how long it took
us to get it together to rebuild. We
also have a ton of down dead trees
on my hillside that butt up to the
National forest. I tried to reach out to see
if they were any grants or help to
get them removed due to more fire
risk. I was unsuccessful. Also, tried to
see if I could find assistance in
help to replant starts of pines. Since
my hillside seems to have taken the
bad burnt of the heat and zero
regrowth has happened in 24 years.
I didn't recycle any loads on help
with this. Would love to see if the
Bitterroot National Forest Dept. could help
in anyway. Thank you again!

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