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Comments on all phases of the Bitterroot Front project and the project in its entirety.

I will start with proposals for the Trapper Creek to Soda Springs area in the West Fork. The area from Baker Creek to Savene creek have already been fuel reduced. Any further forest service activity in that area for wildfire is obviously unnecessary; keep out.

The West Fork Mud creek project encompasses much of the Trapper Creek, Soda project area. The Mud creek project was open to public comment and discussion and divided into separate segments with the promise of future comment when project completes work in the first of those designated areas. The promise of comment on future phases of this Mud Creek Project should be honored.

Fuel reduction efforts within the entirety of the Bitterroot Front Project are acceptable as long as clearcuts are excluded and all old growth trees are left uncut. A significant number of medium sized trees need to remain untouched as future replacements of old growth stands of all varieties of trees should remain; monoculture of one species needs to be avoided.

The public scoping notice for the Sula Fuels Break project has included a color photo of what apparently viewed by Forest Service personnel as a desirable project outcome. Pictured are small sized trees of the same species.

I have seen pictured Forest Service projects in which widely spaced trees of similar species and size are an end resulting in a forest that doesn't look like or have the attributes of a forest. Don't let this happen in the Bitterroot.

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