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Dear Sir,

I write with some alarm at the news of plans to build over 60 miles of new temporary and permanent roads in the Black Hills National Forest as part of the above plan. I understand the need for stand management to reduce fire danger, but the environmental impacts of so much additional road building on an already beleaguered and stressed ecosystem will be very severe.

If the goal is to protect humans from severe fires, then stronger measures in and around human settlements seem like a higher priority, and if the goal is to protect the ecosystem from unusually severe fires then surely the Forest Service should show a stronger commitment to having a diverse, healthy forest ecosystem that is worth protecting.

Thank You

Jim Harkness