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Comments reg, Buckskin Saddle Project

The Project encompasses a very large area and my comments will focus on specifically the Kilroy Bay, Pine cove and Schafer Peak area since I live at Kilroy Bay most of the year. I'm also the Fire Chief of the Kilroy Bay, Pine Cove Volunteer Fire Dept. Please check your Web site kilroypinecovefd.com.

Issues

1. Road #2711 from Granite creek to Kilroy Bay, Pine Cove. A very Primitive NFS Road that has not been maintained for many years. This is the only road into and out of the two communities. If we had a forest fire it would be hard to get IDL or USF fire fighting equipment into the area or for residents to escape a fire. Four years ago, we had a fire started by down powerlines and it took the IDL unit 4 hours to get to Kilroy Bay. Thank God we were able to get the fire out before they arrived with our home-made fire truck and work from our local community residents.
 2. The USF property surrounding the community's is very much overgrown and a major fire hazard and needs to be cleared. On our own we have for over the last four years been hand clearing the brush to reduce the fire hazard on our private lands that encompass the Kilroy bay, Pine Cove communities which is approximately 150 ac. We need help in the form of grant monies to complete the project. We very much want to work with you folks to coordinate lowering the fire hazard in our area.
 3. Motorized OHV recreation is here and will just grow in time I'm ok with that, but it must be controlled and restricted in the back country somehow. Montana did it with signs and fines and it has worked. With the growth of ATV and UTVs USF road #2711 and the road through our properties is being destroyed. The OHV Riders have removed the Rocks blocking the new Avista underground electric line route off of #2711 and now have a pathway to circle through our property. The Avista short cut is eroding badly and will expose the underground power line by next spring if we have a big spring snow melt. How do we stop this?
 4. We support seasonal restrictions on roads and motorized trails during the hunting season and improving/expanding the forage for Elk and Deer. It's much needed in the area.
 5. Keep as much land in roadless areas as you can so the next generation can enjoy and understand the value of remote primitive country.
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- We recognize the damage that Root Disease, Mistletoes, Beetles etc. continue to cause as the climate changes. As a private property owner, we need your help combat these issues because it's all one forest.

I very much appreciate the amount of work that has been done on the project to date and the scope of the project. Now all of you have a real challenge to complete a 20-year project.

If I can be any assistance, please let me know.

Keep up the good work.

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