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Comments: Our comment letter is attached.

Extensive needs for forest management, of all treatment types, exist across the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) to reduce wildfire hazards and risk of insect infestation, and increase restoration efforts and resource utilization. The Benchmark Project (project) is an excellent start to those efforts. The Black Hills Forest Resource Association (BHFRA) and our members appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.