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Comments: I live in Pine Forest which is surrounded by Forest Service land to the N, W & S. While we've been busy trying to improve the health of our forest and get Firewise, it's been a big concern that the public lands on all sides of us are unhealthy and primed to burn. I really support this project and would love to see the wilderness--urban interface be a primary and initial concern of the project and receive the first wave of work.

I'm also a mountain biker and have been involved with fundraising, organizing and building the Sun Mountain trail system over the past 5 years. I'd really like to see the following guidelines applied to the project in regards to those trails:

Care should be taken to avoid damaging existing trail infrastructure when conducting prescribed burns, vegetation management and logging. A concerted effort should be taken to avoid damaging any trail constructed in the past three years.

When damage to existing trails is inevitable due to the objectives of the TRRP , professional trail builders from Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance should be hired to re-establish the trails in their existing locations. If trails cannot be reconstructed in existing locations, the FS should provide resources for the trails rerouting so trail connectivity and relevance will be maintained. The logging contractors should not be used for this purpose as they do not have the expertise in trail construction.

The Forest Service should give advance notification as to where and when certain Forest Service mitigation practices will take place and try to avoid impacting high user areas during peak seasons.