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Comments: I am most happy to see fire put back into the ecosystem. Public awareness and education will be key when proposing putting smoke in the air. I do not think that mastication can take the place of fire when recycling nitrogen back into the soil. When I worked on the Fernan side of the Buckskin area, there were regen units burnt in the Whitetail peak area at peak low fuel moistures . The Rocky mt reaserch station monitored for soil erosion and soil degradation rates. There was soil erosion but we could not burn the units hot enough to completely burn the duff layer. This country will tolerate fire and grow trees.

I know that David and his team will do a great job considering all the issues. I look forward to staying current on this project.

Thx