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Comments: On page 8 of the Supplemental EIS the need for action to reduce hazardous fuels includes the following objectives:

- > Reduce high-intensity wildfire within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) as identified in the Carbon County Community Wildfire Fire Protection Plan.
- > Provide for a safer environment for the public and firefighters should a wildfire occur within the proposed treatment areas.
- > To provide wildfire managers more suppression options to confine future wildfires from spreading beyond NFS lands.

I have an issue with the first bullet point. The minimum structure density to qualify as an intermix community, the lowest threshold WUI community, as defined in the January 4, 2001 Federal Register (Vol. 66, No.3) is 1 or more structures per 40 acres. The Carbon County Community Wildfire Protection Plan on page 5-23 states that "...the WUI situation in Carbon County most closely resembles the Intermix Community category although most areas have a structure density less than one per 40 acres...." The Red Lodge Creek area, where most of this project's activity will occur, is one of those areas where the structure density does not meet the Intermix Community Category of greater than 1 structure per 40 acres. This means that the WUI for the area around Red Lodge Creek does not exist and the need for action in this area to reduce the possibility of high-intensity wildfire is moot. The money and effort would be better spent focusing on areas in Carbon County, or elsewhere, where a WUI actually exists.

Page 10. Under Alternative 1 it should be pointed out that in addition to fire wood gathering; post-and-pole, Christmas tree and tepee pole harvesting would continue as it has in the past.