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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the DEIS. I support the portions of the proposal that allow for active management of the forest. That includes timber harvest, livestock grazing and other options to keep the forest healthy. The State of Idaho has plenty of designated forests and other lands. I do not support any further "designations". These designations reduce the Forest Services ability to actively manage our forests.

The latest round of forest fires have been blamed on global warming but the cause is more direct and less sinister. The forests that have recently and continue to burn are those that were actively managed until the 1990's when timber harvests were reduced and finally eliminated. These forests were managed as a crop from the 1910's or 1920's until 1990 by the Forest Service as a way to pay their costs to manage the lands. With the environmental demands since the 1990's it has been impossible to manage the forests to reduce the number or trees that were too high for natural conditions due to opposition to timber harvests. Consequently the fire loading is extreme and our natural resources are simply burning up rather than being used as intended when they were planted and managed for harvest. The environmental groups would have the forests remain in a their natural condition - which is not their current condition.

Any further designation that limits active management of the forests will result in additional loses of natural resources to the nation and the State of Idaho. I am strongly in favor of balanced ACTIVE MANAGEMENT of our forests.

Again, thanks for allowing comments.