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Comments: I'm retired after 4 years as Fuels Battalion on the Cleveland NF, with a total of 33 years in wildland fire, and I fully support strategic fuels management projects such as this. I favor significant mechanical prep, hand thinning and pile burning as needed to ensure best results when the broadcast burning is done - I felt the first day of burning near Bluff Lake earlier this year got a little too hot due to excess ground fuels, and the tree scorch and mortality was a bit high in that unit. Overall, the work I've seen locally is well placed and effective in a program of forest health and community protection.

I mostly hike trails on the south side of the lake, but I'm somewhat familiar with the project area. I'm happy to see some new proposed trails, as well as extension and management of many existing trails, and I look forward to their completion.

That said, I fully support all aspects of this proposed project.

Thanks - sw