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Comments: I live in the area of the projects, we are surrounded by national forest in the HD's. You have done prescribed burns around us TWICE in the last four years. The oak grows back rapidly. Many, many healthy Doug fir and pine trees were killed by your fires. We are in exceptional drought. This has been going on for years. It is crazy to do prescribed burns with the drought conditions. Because of this, the burn last year continued to smolder and flame for 4 months, til January, killing many trees and subjecting my family to smoke inhalation for four months. I would like to see you NOT burn this area any more. Your mulching machine does a great job. Concentrate on making fire breaks wherever you can use that machine. There is old growth forest in the HDs. There is little old growth left in Colorado. You need to protect this area. A pine tree in our area is one of the largest in Colorado. You managed to scorch and damage it in a prescribed burn.

We also don't need to allow or encourage ATVs or other off road vehicles in this area. They have already caused irreparable damage in the steep rugged terrain here. They also carry the risk of sparks that can cause fire. How about banning off road vehicles?