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Comments: I am a landowner in La. with pine forest management; accordingly, I am well aware of the challenges of climate change and insect impact as well as economic, environmental and aesthetic considerations. I applaud the proposal for improving the health of the aspen forests and concur that aspen groves are essential for good forest management practices, wildlife health, reduced wildfire risks and natural beauty. Good timber management necessarily encompasses both controlled burns, insect infestation control, and timber harvesting. Accordingly I endorse and support these proposals which appear essential to forest health in the region.