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Comments: I am writing in support of the plan to improve the health of my local forest. I feel lucky that SW Colorado is seeing this kind of program to prevent fires that are greater in intensity and duration than occurred in the naturally occurring cycle before this drought and current beetle infestation.

I am also excited about the potential of the wood products to be used as local building materials, especially as we are seeing greatly inflated prices for dimensional lumber.

In light of the benefits of extraction I would like to see it done in a way that protect another local economy that is tourism. This system brings in money from visitors and I have seen it being used a recruiting tool to bring in high quality health care providers that have their pick of jobs and towns. I want this whole community to grow financially and in services. Any adjustments that could be made to save existing trails that have been build by this community would be greatly appreciated. I had no idea this project could last up to 10 years, that is a long time to devalue one industry to lift up another.