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Comments: I would like to offer my observations regarding the proposed logging operations at and around the Boggy Draw area.

I moved here from Flagstaff 2 years ago, after watching explosive population growth and increasingly large fires.

I can understand the need for brush and dead tree removal from the understory of the forest to remove fuels which can enhance large fires. But it would seem that the thinning of the forest would be less of a priority, as well as creating other hazards.

I lived near the Museum Fire, which in 2019 was started accidentally by an excavator during a forest thinning project meant to prevent wildfires. It caused neighborhoods to evacuate and cost \$9 million to control. Not to mention the recreation losses caused by trail damage and forest closures.

I do not blame the forest service for this accident, but would rather see thinning projects take place adjacent to (but not within the boundaries of) the trails that have already been established for recreation. Countless hours have been spent building these trails, and this area needs the tourist income that they generate.

I appreciate your time and consideration.