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Comments: To whom it may concern,

To start, I am grateful that there is consideration for the fire risk and resiliency of the Ponderosa Forest near Dolores. I understand that without treatment, the risk of catastrophic events such as beetle infestation or high intensity fire is much greater. I also understand that controlled burns are not always an option, especially in areas near urban developments. Thank you for seeking alternatives to continue to improve resiliency.

That being said, there are ways in which this project can be improved. I am not a member of SWCCA, but I saw their outline of concerns recently, and I believe they have made some very good points that I agree with. I often use Boggy Draw for my personal enjoyment and also for my work. I know the necessity of this project, and I also think great efforts must be made to gain community support. If you are careful, minimize impact on users, and work to educate the public about the need, you may find that community members will be far more supportive of these efforts.

Thank you