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Re: Comments on the Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Restoration Project

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the USFS proposal for the Forest-wide Prescribed Fire and Restoration Project. I am not opposed to the judicious use of fire within the forest or the reduction of hazardous fuels to avoid uncharacteristically hot wildfires. However I am also aware that this is an imprecise tool, and not the only available tool, and needs exact implementation.

My concern with what I have seen in the available materials is that this is a very general proposal and immensely far reaching. I find it impossible to make intelligent, well-formed comments due to the lack of specifics in this proposal. Additionally the included maps are too small and blurry--at least in electronic form--to gain any useful information.

A proposal of this magnitude needs to be accompanied by detailed information and the science to back up the application of fire to such a huge acreage over a lengthy time period.

I look forward to the Forest Service providing a proposal that has more specifics, including a timeline for which the proposal is pertinent. Given the changing climate and on-going drought (though maybe drought is the wrong word if minimal snow packs are the new normal), I think the proposal should be limited to what can be accomplished in the next 3 years.

Thank you.