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Comments: I'm deeply concerned about the magnitude and minimal chance for public input of the proposed Forestwide Prescribed Fire Restoration Project.

The proposal does not sufficiently address the impacts of livestock grazing and climate change. Nearly everywhere I go on the forest, I see extreme effects from grazing with grass and forbs eaten down to the ground. It's unsustainable - especially with the certainty of aridification and increased summer heat in the future.

Grazing and fire interact in complex ways. There's a clear need for restraint in management rather than plunging ahead with these giant programmatic "treatments." More analysis and scientific expertise are needed.

I ask that the preferred alternative protect riparian areas. I urge you to accept the recommendation of the Grand Canyon Trust regarding the protocols for addressing grazing before treatment, especially the prohibition on non-native seeds in revegetation; complete avoidance of mechanical treatments; and prohibiting ORV use in IRAs.