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Comments: On a recent trip to Bryce Canyon National Park, I noticed a start difference in their forest from the last time I visited them 4 years previously. The dead trees were essentially gone, the ladder fuel was missing as well. The floor of the forest was primarily green with plenty of life despite the drought. I am sure there is interagency sharing of practices and outcomes, but if it hasn't happened yet, I highly recommend talking with their forest management group to see what they are doing. There were occasional piles or "teepees" of dead wood that were stacked in various parts of the park, and when I asked about them, they said they would do controlled burns of that material.

Overall I would suggest a similar approach to gathering dead wood and having small controlled burns. It would also help if permitting for dead wood harvesting were to be expanded . Some of the restrictions for proximity to a road could be eased up as well, I see a fair amount of dead wood near the roads in our canyons, I am not sure why we are prohibiting the removal of wood in the strip on either side of the road.

I hope these comments are found to be constructive, I think our forests are a great resource and I appreciate the care that you are taking to manage them.