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Comments: My concern, in reviewing this document, is the lack of comments regarding potential cultural resource destruction and/or identification of Modified Tree's of especially Ute origin. I wish to address what should be an important part of the resource plan. In addition, I see no comments by the Southern Ute Tribe concerning tribal migration routes or traditional tribal uses of the old growth Ponderosa forests. I hope that if this has not been considered in the mitigation, that it must be included before any alteration occurs in the old growth forest. I would like to note that I am not against mitigation of forest reserves as the current and potentially long-term drought needs rethinking of old forestry methods. However, that being said the current mitigation plan avoids cultural resource survey for Historic and potentially Pre-Historic potential of cultural use of the area by the Southern Ute Tribe. With that in mind I would like to explain what to look for regarding culturally modified and or wooden structural remnants.

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At the minimum I request protection of these old growth Ponderosa as designated in prior work by the USFS.

And that Southern Ute consultation be included in the survey. Failure to do so before treatment would be a significant loss to Colorado History.