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While there are many reasons to work to improve the fire resistance of the southern HD's, a project such as this must be carefully and thoroughly thought through. The following are points that I feel need further evaluation before this project moves forward.

There doesn't appear to be enough attention paid to traditional Native American uses of these lands and all of its resources.

Significant parts of this area are roadless and a strong argument can be made that they should remain so. Some of the treatment protocols listed with this project are not in alignment with that scenario.

Thirdly, I'd like to implore you to look more carefully at the Old Growth ecosystems that have been documented by FS employees over a number of years, and take into account that these areas are critically and incredibly bio-diverse, which makes them crucial to, and invaluable to, restoring the health of these landscapes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.