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Comments: Although I totally agree with forest management and care to have healthy forests and prevent the spread of wildfires I feel I must voice my concerns with the work being done on the Grand Mesa. I was recently in the forest around Cotton Wood #4 reservoir to look for mushrooms in an area I hunted elk in the past. There had been some forest "work" done and I use the term loosely as there were numerous huge piles of slash just sitting there and I mean huge, about 50 meters on each side and probably 20 meters tall. Not only that there were also thousands of downed trees for the work and the openness made by the cutting. It was so thick with downed trees I couldn't even walk through the area. If this is the way the work is being done I feel I must say please leave the forest alone.

Also, the forest being looked at for "work" is used by thousands of people a week during the winter. The forest is there to be used and enjoyed by local and visiting people. If this area is closed of for the destruction of the forest it will be a HUGE burden on thousands of people from Mesa and Delta counties, not to mention other visitors.

Thanks for taking the time and reading this, and I hope you will take it into account when making decisions.

Greg