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Comments: I am very opposed to cutting the spruce in the BHNF. I think we have more than enough ponderosa pine. Spruce and Pine do not even grow on the same sites. Spruce is usually found in a wet bottom type site and usually does not carry fire. Pine is highly flammable and is usually found on drier sites. Pine seems to be an invader species anyhow. There is a lot of the hills that is covered with pine that was not there historically. Check the soil profiles. The soil was developed in a prairie environment. Are you trying to make the BHNF a bigger pine tree farm than it already is???