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Comments: This proposal is an attempt to solely benefit the timber companies and Intermountain Forest Association under the mask of fire prevention, even though spruce trees are less prone to fires than timber which just highlights how absurd this proposal is and the motivations behind it are simply greed. By replacing spruce with pine and aspen trees, you not only upset the localized ecological systems, but you are ultimately planting trees in areas where they do not thrive. Senators Thune and Barrasso are pushing to expedite timber production while undermine the protocols that ensure environmental protections. Once these spruce trees are gone and the ecosystem put in ruins, there is no getting it back and all of this to simply fill the pockets of corrupt politicians and Timber Industry Executives.