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Comments: I commend the Forest Service for taking a proactive approach to mitigating risk for catastrophic wildfire on the Bitterroot NF. However, in this widely recognized time of crisis with a warming climate, please follow your own document: "A National Roadmap for Responding to Climate Change." Please act on this matter with the urgency that the global situation demands, and that your above mentioned document describes.

Sequestration of carbon is a critical key to our hopes to limit global warming. Therefore, please make sure that the larger trees are not removed, when conducting hazardous fuel reduction operations, as these keep much more carbon out of the atmosphere than do smaller trees.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.