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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed project on the west side of the Bitterroot Mountains north of Darby up to Stevensville. This project is ill conceived in terms of mitigating wildfire. This project will damage a rare ecosystem that is used heavily for recreation. Road building will create negative effects on already damaged watersheds. It will also increase spread of invasive species and affect wildlife migration and natural habitats of native species. This project will increase noise for residents near the project. Future development on private land will continue to degrade the ecosystem. The combination of the Forest Service project and inevitable private development will permanently damage an already compromised ecosystem which is a precious jewel for the character of the Bitter Root Valley. It surely will be a deficit timber sale. Taxpayers' money would be better spent on mitigating fire risk on private property close to fire risk areas; including building codes. Illegal ATV use will certainly occur furthering risk of human caused fires.