

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/19/2022 6:00:00 AM

First name: Randy

Last name: Alford

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Ever since I graduated from UM with a degree in Forestry in 1969 I have enjoyed spending time hiking in Montana's forests and studying my favorite *Pinus ponderosa*. We are fortunate to have such vibrant forests and ecosystems in our state and it pains me to see the fire scars from immense fires that now cover so many of the mountains I see from my house in Hamilton. I believe the Bitterroot Front Project will prevent such fires in the future and strongly urge you to allow it. We must manage our forests wisely and the Bitterroot Front Project will do that. It wil also support vegetation management in roadless areas and support landscape level analysis.