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Comments: Mr. Brown,

Forest fuel reduction in the Bitterroot Front is extremely important and badly needed to reduce risk of wildfires. Ignoring fuel reduction virtually guarantees we will have more, and worse wildfires, with risk to adjacent properties, greatly reduced air and water quality, loss of access/use of forest resources, and economic loss from reduced tourist dollars.

Personally, in formulating a plan for such fuels reduction, I would prefer that citizen access would be increased. These are our public lands so we should generally have unlimited access. That means no more locked gates blocking access to Forest Service roads.

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