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Comments: I strongly support the Forest Service's proposed fire mitigation measures to reduce the fuel storage in the Bitterroot Range. I have lived in the Bitterroot Valley for the past 50+ years and have witnessed numerous catastrophic fires that burned out of control for months in the summer time. All of this causing damage to private property and contributing to global warming. These fires cost taxpayers millions of dollars that could have been better spent on mitigation measures like the one being proposed. I know from personal experience that simple fire mitigation measures are effective. My wife and I thinned our 120 acres up Roaring Lion over the course of many years. In 2016 when the Roaring Lion fire blew up out of control and took at least 16 structures, the fire's furthest advance was on our property. Because we had thinned trees and removed stored fuel the fire was contained on our property and our house and barn were spared. This saved dozens of houses to the east of our property that were in the direct path of the fire as it moved eastward to Highway 93. Every year people are frustrated with the endless cycle of catastrophic wildfires and the Forest Service has a good solution. It is absolutely unacceptable and a moral outrage that a loud minority of uninformed individuals continue to prevent our government from acting in the best interests of the majority. Furthermore, this vocal minority is facilitating the destruction of our beautiful forests rather than allowing scientific methods to preserve and manage our public forests in a careful and thoughtful manner. Please allow the Forest Service to take the appropriate action to mitigate fire danger in our public forests.