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Comments: I support ARNF projects to restore forest conditions with others, cross boundaries, presented within the Boulder and Canyon Lakes Districts NEPA. Much of the forest is overgrown with excess trees which makes the forest more susceptible to dangerous wildfire, and more resistant to suppression, and now is extremely dangerous. Fuel must be mechanically reduced to make more resilience to fire and I encourage landscape scale size down to strategic neighborhood projects first to prepare for later managed fire application and natural processes. Then, safe, thoroughly planned, approved, professionally implemented by qualified organization members, including local member fire fighters, prescribed fire can be initiated, with stringent contingencies in place before safe ignition and completion of managed fire projects. These must include necessary patrol length periods to assure fires are dead-out before left unattended. I encourage public engagement and education to further inform a mind-set change from saving trees to safe forest and watersheds.