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Comments: Dear Custer Gallatin National Forest,

I do not object to the near term plan of thinning the forest and clearing away natural debris to lower the risk of fire.

However, this is not a long term solution. Drought, climate change and other factors will continue to leave forest land vulnerable to extreme fires if we do not return to pre 'Smokey the Bear' days of preventing every forest fire. The only way a natural ecosystem like a forest maintains a its health is through natural processes, and for forests this means regular fires that burn away forest litter and saplings.

I urge you to include allowing for natural burns in your plans.

Sincerely,

Joseph W Porterfield