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Comments: The proposed "fuel treatment" project is a bad idea. The focus should be on structure defense, not on cutting down trees a couple of miles away from structures that might be at risk from a wildfire were proper measures not taken to protect them (e.g., metal roofs, clearing out vegetation 100' around the structure, screening roof penetrations to keep out embers, etc.). The Forest Service needs to serve the forest by leaving it alone. (See Chad Hanson's recent book, "Smokescreen.")

Forests are a vital part of fighting global climate change, whose effects we've likely been seeing in the spectacular flooding that just roared through Red Lodge. Cutting down trees will only contribute to climate change. Enough already!