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Comments: Amendments to plans are always problematic because they receive less public review and scrutiny. I am afraid the Forest Service is on the wrong track with the current direction they are going in the Bitterroot. We should be considering using land use planning to limit building and roads in steep, forested areas. We should not be adapting the Forest and spending public dollars to adapt the Forest for human living.

I have noticed a big change in wildlife habits and habitats as you spend more time prescribed burning, cutting dead trees, manipulating old growth (including trying to change the definition to cut and burn more trees), trying to turn the wild land interface into wood lots. You would be better off cutting all trees in the urban interface than giving homeowners the false sense of security with your park-like woodlots. You are ruining wildlife habitat and forcing wildlife, including elk, into river bottoms, fields, backyards. Leave the forest alone and if you must cut the trees around homes or move the home out of the forest. You do not need to amend the plan, you need to change the plan to less management and more practical sense.