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Comments: As I read the revised EA, the USFS proposes to clearcut, thin, or burn 16,000+ acres of forest, and asserts that these activities will have little to no effect on water quality, birds, other wildlife, threatened or endangered species, soils, cultural and historic resources, and scenic quality. To me, this conclusion cannot be supported by common sense. Of course all these aspects of the forest are going to be affected!

While I agree that the infected and dead pine trees need to be removed, and the areas replanted, I would like the USFS to acknowledge that the process will seriously affect the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Instead of saying, in effect, "This is no big deal," I would like the USFS to say, "Yes, this will cause major disruption to birds, soils, water quality, scenic quality, etc., but we believe it must be done anyway."