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Comments: The need to contribute to a sustained yield of timber products and improve the productivity of forested timber stands is consistent with Plan desired conditions FW-DC-TIM 01, 03, and 04. Forest Service silviculturists analyzed how well the proposed action meets the need for action using stand- and landscape-level data and analysis. The landscape is the Madison, Henrys Lake, and Gallatin Mountains Geographic Areas defined in the Plan; the Region 1 Vegetation Mapping Program (VMAP), an existing vegetation geospatial database, was used for landscape-level data and analysis. A stand is a group of trees that is a distinguishable unit; stand-level data was gathered by field surveys. The clearcut and thinning treatments inclu