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Assuming that the proposed action summarized in the scoping letter as Alternative 2 is chosen, the issue of how these two projects, 58742 and 63036, interface with each other generates several questions.

- 1) Will the Catamount Spring Creek Project EA evaluate the impact of the Spring Creek Project development on the implementation of the HD Restoration Project.
- 2) Since a primary purpose of the HD Restoration Project is wildfire risk mitigation through fuel reductions and thinning, to what extent can the Spring Creek Project development be used to advance those goals.
- 3) Can the Spring Creek Project EA evaluate the possibility of a thinning project in conjunction with the proposed pad expansion disturbance to develop a reduced risk buffer zone surrounding the Catamount OGL pad?
- 4) If a wildfire mitigation plan is included in the Spring Creek Project EA, can the salvageable saw wood or fuelwood be extracted from the site by a contractor rather than burned onsite?