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Comments: Items of worry

1.) The tree ring data in my opinion is like studying Dinosaurs = almost irrelevant; with local max temps 10 to 15 deg F + over the past highs, this data just does not relate = we are now in global baking, (this is what comes after global warming)

My suggestion: only allow fires during the standard burn season = same as the public. It is called burn season for some reason.

More so; have a helicopter with water drop available and REQUIRED to douse EVERY lightening strike within 8 Hr.; fire or no fire; July through first rain Sept?

2.) I have seen no information on insect issues = I believe the real reason for fuel load beside drought, and people.

Suggest: fire cutting permits require geo location (phone app) for bug infestations in cut fire wood, and FS does the same. Using this information for locating cutting, logging or prescribed burns during the wet seasons. Also, use that darn Tax accessor's aerial maps for dead or compromised areas to check if there is greater risk near housing.

3.) It would be great if the forest was managed!

Suggestion: pre-plan forest fire fighting map for all sections = 1 sq mile section by sections with regard to worst wind direction for each = could be much cheaper than what is being done. Using stuff like trench fire behaviour, green wall (tall dense but with wet trees and plants) = modified hill sides for wet tree line development, i.e. water Absorption, think roads and other water slowing or directing features, as snow will be less and less in the years to come. Use game and fish animal counts, to help identify problem areas (ticks love dead and mossy trees), I can't believe no one thinks planned Logging that helps forest preservation is bad. Lastly a carbon emission tax on the (USFS Budget) for the gross CO2 emissions on fires over 640 Acres would really make me feel safer!

4.) I hate to admit it, but what looks like a beautiful thinned, nice and clean forest, has almost the fastest fire travel speed. Look at the burn scar and the burned sections, re-burns. So just lower growth loads will not prevent these catastrophic fires, or save my neighbors house, those pesky deer, bears and other forest animals. Putting out the fire in July and Aug just might.

My only request of this text.

Please please publish to the local paper and the Forest Service Leadership, the average fire growth, for the two days after EVERY fire command change. This appears to be a very very very big number!!! is this because of arson or ?