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Comments: Iron County submitted comments with other surrounding counties, however, we would like the Forest Service to consider a couple of more concerns:

1. The prescribed fire plan fails to address the increase of noxious weeds invading burn areas. The plan should have options that will reduce noxious weed impacts.

2. The proposed map of burn areas excludes the Ashdown Gorge Wilderness Area. The heavily wooded and decadent forest is ripe for fire and poses a threat to the Brian Head Town that lies northeast of the gorge. We assume there are different rules governing management planning for wilderness area and we encourage the Forest Service to seek vegetation management in this area to avert a catastrophic fire.

Thanks you for your consideration on these two issues.

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