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Comments: I represent the 15-90 Search and Rescue that serves the Butte area including the area in the Butte Watershed Project. The beetle kill trees and general downfall has adversely affected access to the area for emergency search and rescue operations and disaster response. This situation almost cost the life of a woman in 2021. The watershed area is in drastic need of regeneration so that first responders can access the area in an emergency and to prevent a catastrophe such as fire and flooding. I have been involved with Search and Rescue and Disaster and Emergency Services for over 35 years and I know that a wildfire in this area would be impossible to deal with given the downfall and access issues in the Watershed.