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Comments: I am writing in support of Tiger-Mill project #62658. I attended the open house in February 2023, and after discussing the project with resource specialists I find the project to be a holistic approach to reducing the risk of wildfire in this critical watershed.

The lack of wildfire in the Mill Creek watershed has resulted in conditions that put the municipal watershed at risk. The treatments proposed will reduce that risk. Historic photos show the change within and adjacent to the watershed due to excluding fire show more open hillside and less dense forests.

Climate change will exacerbate conditions. The lack of activity in areas adjacent to Class 1, 2 and 3 streams will protect water quality.

The long term benefits to the health of the watershed should outweigh any short term, minor effects caused by the proposed activities.