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The 265,000-acre project in the Roosevelt National Forest could change the forest forever with logging, thinning, and burning in four designated roadless areas.

These public lands are home to at least two federally threatened species-Canada lynx and Preble's meadow jumping mouse. Elk, northern goshawk, and greenback cutthroat trout would also be impacted. Known as the Black Diamond Landscape Resiliency and Risk Reduction Project in the Canyon Lake Ranger District west of Fort Collins, Colorado, the project would use illegal, user-created roads to access and treat areas that should remain roadless.

I am strongly urging the Forest Service to fully evaluate the potential negative impacts of this project. They must be more transparent about the locations and time frames of specific treatments over this 20-year project and take additional steps to protect wildlife in roadless areas.