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Comments: Please consider my comments.[bull] Diameter limits are not supported by science; these arbitrary limits restrict the silviculturist from making site specific decisions for trees that may not fit into the landscape.[bull] Minimum saw-log specifications should be 17' long log to a 6" top, this is the local industry standard.[bull] Please limit operating restrictions to help the projects be financially viable.[bull] Please do not require certain types of equipment, define the intent of the management.[bull] Please consider utilizing different types of prescriptions such as overstory removal, free thinning, skips/gaps or shelterwood/regeneration harvests. The FS needs to have options for management in the future and using a variety of prescription types will provide options.[bull] Please consider using designation by prescription or designation by description.[bull] Please consider taking some larger trees to offset the cost of removing the excess fuels on the landscape. Larger trees contain more volume and removing a few may be the difference between an economical sale and the need for appropriated dollars to complete the needed treatments. [bull] 21" plus trees are not necessarily old growth, valuable to wildlife or fire resistant. [bull] The industry is ready to help with sale lay out.[bull] Please make the non-saw available as an optional purchase for the contractor. [bull] Please support commercial harvest in the RHCAs when it is ecologically appropriate. It is important for the Forest Service to do what is right on the land. Managing these RHCAs is appropriate and will reduce/mitigate the fire danger and allow for prescribed fire to play a role in managing this ecosystem.[bull] Please support reducing the fuel loadings as well as reducing the stocking levels to increase habitat for birds and elk (foraging) associated with more open forests. [bull] Tether logging should be allowed on skyline units.[bull] In all cases the range of targets for leave BA, TPA or MBF/acre should be targeted to the low end of the range, especially in skyline ground where low volumes will make the skyline un-economical.[bull] Skyline units should be optional.[bull] Diameter limits should be eliminated where feasible.