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Comments: I want to express my support for this project in concept. Our land abuts USFS land in the Big Belts, and I have hiked, hunted, fought fire, cut wood, etc in these mountains for 34 years. I have an educational and professional background in environmental science and policy. I've seen many changes in the forest, many of which are not good.

I have noted and support USFS effort to maintain elk & deer winter range by recent burning, as well as similar work done by USFS in the past, and my opinion is such work benefits and has benefited wildlife. Similarly vegetation treatment to improve fire safety around the Jintown subdivision has both been effective in improving community and firefighter safety, as well as improved wildlife habitat. Despite some issues with sloppy contractor weed control and sloppy timber harvest practices the overall effect of this past project has been beneficial.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment and would like you to please keep me informed as this project progresses.

-Bob Bukantis