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Comments: I support the Forest Service 100% in their proposed efforts to decrease the potential of severe wildfires. It is common knowledge that the trees are more closely spaced as they have been in the past and the bug kill has of course increased the amount of dead and dying timber. In stead of issuing expensive thinning contracts to loggers, one way to be more cost conscious would be to issue free commercial permits to loggers that turn the dead trees into either firewood or wood products. I strongly support free residential firewood permits and more commercial logging. I do not fully understand prescribed burns but would not be against it and I would like to see those decisions made by your foresters and not based on political pressure.