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Comments: This comment relates to Anadarko Vegetation Management #63728. I own a cabin (Lot 19) in the Christmas Meadows Summer Home Area, which is near the Christmas Meadows campground in the valley formed by the Stillwater Fork of the Bear River at the base of Ostler Peak. I have briefly reviewed the DEA for this project and, in general, I support these vegetation management activities. But, I have some questions and concerns. Will this project involve any activities in or very near the Stillwater Fork of the Bear River and, if so, what is the nature and extent of those proposed activities. The conifers on the hillsides on both slopes of this river were severely impacted by the bark beetle infestation of a few years ago. Will vegetation reduction of these trees be part of the program? What stream mitigation efforts are proposed as part of the program? My concern is with the proposed prescribed burns that are part of the project. I'm not opposed to fuel reduction by burning slash piles after the first snows in the late Fall, but I am concerned is these slash piles will be burned during the Summer months. I'm also concerned about wildfire type burns in whole sections of the National Forest, particularly if those wildfire type burns could threaten structures in the vicinity of the burns. Please advise what types of burns are planned as part of this project, and where they will be conducted in relation to the Christmas Meadows Summer Home Area. Thank you in advance.