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1200 acres is a large total area to clear cut. Many previous clear cuts in the zone have already been completed. Regrowth has shown to be monoculture lodgepole. No diversity is apparent.

How will the proposed clear cuts be different? Will other species of trees be intentionally introduced?

Which interfaces are being proposed for hazard reduction that have not already been treated?

Any routes targeted for decommissioning should have a reasonable alternative to maintain the flexibility and connectivity of the trail network. Recreationist are best served when there are options to travel shorter loops when desired. This also provides accessible choices based on ability.

Not everyone is out for the entire day. The value of a backyard resource is that it can be enjoyed before or after working hours, or even on a lunch break.

It is also desirable to create similar routes for separate user groups. Cyclists and hikers benefit from different trail grades. This supports sustainability.

A continual open house that provides users opportunity to show support for routes they frequently use would be welcomed by the community. Perhaps maps can be set up at the first and main building for this purpose?

This would also provide a channel for the USFS to keep users updated on progress and anticipated closures during the work period.

Thank you.