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Comments: Hello,

I am a full time resident of Frisco and want to make some comments on the proposed forest management I have become aware of.

I love living in Frisco. Part of the draw here is living so close to nature and having the resources around to hike, ski, and just enjoy the beauty that surrounds us here. I am very concerned about what may happen to the woods around us. I understand the need to try to mitigate fire danger but I DO NOT believe that doing clearcutting of the forests is the answer. I could go on about all the reasons why, but I think it comes down to this: Clearcutting is ugly. For years. And it promotes an eventual new forest (MANY years later) where the trees are all the same age and tightly spaced. A fire danger.

We live here to enjoy the beauty of the forest. If that implies a certain amount of risk from forest fires, then so be it. I don't believe we are particularly in high danger due to a number of factors including how Frisco is situated and the mitigation efforts that have already been done. I know there has to be some consideration of forest upkeep but I would BEG you to consider less drastic measures, such as just taking out dead and fallen trees. I want to walk through the woods, not over a barren hillside. Let us all continue to appreciate the variety of trees and other plant life at different levels of maturity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this Frisco-loving, forest-loving resident's perspective.

Sincerely,

Julie Kenfield