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Comments: There is no evidence that clear cuts are useful in response to wildfires. Over time, natural disturbances have evolved into environments in which ecosystems can thrive and adapt. Some wildfires completely destroy the forests, while others make patches on the landscape and skim over some areas. It is beneficial for animals and the ecosystem to have patches of land, but it is not beneficial for the ecosystem to have broad, open blocks of land. During a wildfire, all of the burned biomass (plant material) and nutrients in a burned forest stay on the ground to aid in the regeneration process. This biomass and nutrient is removed using a clear cut. Clear-cuts expose existing forest soils, making them vulnerable to erosion by water and wind. As habitats become fragmented as a result of clearcutting, wildlife will be forced to seek food, water and shelter outside of remnant patches. This can lead to a decline in population and/or population density, adversely affecting both genetic and biological diversity. I am not in support of such drastic measures in response to potential fire danger. We have a number of wildlife issues already in our small neighborhood and school yard. Please, reconsider the scope of the fire mitigation portion, not only to maintain the pleasing and calming aesthetic nature of our backyard, but also for the wildlife that inhabits these woods.