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Comments: The Custer Gallatin National Forest is proposing to create and maintain fuel breaks up to 1,000 feet in width along existing roads and trails on 1,975 acres in the Goose Creek and Bear Canyon areas. Fuel breaks are areas of reduced fuel loads that can slow fire spread and provide areas of less extreme fire behavior from which firefighters can respond to wildfires. They are created by removing some overstory trees to increase the space between residual trees so that it is more difficult for fire to spread from tree canopy to canopy. To reduce ladder fuels, small trees and brush may be masticated, chipped, slashed, piled, or scattered. Pile burning and prescribed broadcast burning may be used to reduce surface fuels. Proactive fuels management, such as implementing these fuel breaks, increases wildland firefighters' chances of success in controlling a wildfire that poses a threat to communities, private lands, and other values at risk.