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In 1988, during my tenure in Yellowstone as a resource manager and interpreter, I observed fires throwing embers 1500 feet across the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. The only effective fire break was Yellowstone Lake. Not fuels, but drought, high winds, high temperatures, and hundreds of lightning strikes generated and sustained the 243 fires that burned there that summer. Recently burned areas were re-burned.

Fruitless attempts to stop wildfires have been well documented in the last several decades. The real goal behind these "fuel reduction" projects is to support the timber industry. Studies and reports I have sent to the Custer-Gallatin NF over decades has been ignored, because it doesn't suit the paradigm of "get out the cut." The science is clear to me.

It is also clear to me that continuing to cut mature forests is counterproductive to slowing climate change. The literature undergirding that statement is abundant, and available. Leave trees in place. Protect structures by known methods, and leave our best carbon sinks standing.