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Comments: I would like to support the proposed Bitterroot Front #57341. I believe most would want home and property protection from wildland fires obtained through fuels reduction proposals such as this. Objection to these projects usually is voiced if there is concern there will be more destruction to the environment and/or animal habitat in the process. Having had a fuels reduction contract in the past, our business had to comply with a number of environmentally protective stipulations--almost to the point where we felt we were "redecorating the forest". So, I feel there has previously been a lot of addressing the "damage" concerns as well as follow-up inspection to see that the guidelines have been upheld.

For the contractor to have access the fuels reduction areas is a big one, so there is a need that logging roads must be built/maintained for the contractor to do the job contracted for, and not be having to spend extra time/cost to work an area that doesn't have good/adequate access. I believe this can be done without major environmental concerns.

Overall, it should be good for local jobs and reducing the wildland fire concerns to an increasing population building in more rural areas.