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Comments: Dear Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on forest projects taking place in my "neighborhood". Unfortunately I didn't receive a letter about the project until yesterday. We're other residents living in the area of treatment notified? There is so little information and so little time to comment. Is it so "urgent" that you can't take the time to plan the project and present it to the public in a fair and understandable way?

Is the entire 2700 acres being treated to be a fuel break or is it fuel breaks strategically placed here and there?

My main objection is the creation of widely spaced tree stands thru out the area and adjacent to the huge Nez/Mud project creating the same condition in many areas. There is very little over story left creating hotter and drier conditions, less diversity, no shelter for wildlife and disturbed native vegetation resulting in more noxious weeds. I question your justification that "increased tree spacing helps maintain or improve current and future forest health, growth and species composition." The theory that removing competition makes trees more healthy and grow faster has been disproven by science.

What really bothers me is that this is all commercial treatment. Not just thinning and piling. And temporary roads built? Is it just logging as usual under the guise of "fuels reduction"? Will the usual protection for old growth and watersheds apply?

Please take care to preserve the Nelson Ck watershed in my neighborhood and all watersheds in the treatment area.

Thank You,
Mary Shrier-Chinn