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Comments: While this project is being fast tracked which limits public input and consideration, I believe this a

better choice than doing nothing with the high fire potential in the Urban Interface within Ravalli County.

Considering the bulk of this area was clear cut logged during the 1880's forward, 100 years of fire suppression starting in 1910, climate change influences and the present development of structures on adjacent private land; active forest management is merited.

It is imperative due to the public's distrust of government in general and in this case the USFS specifically; communication between the public and the USFS be often, early, transparent, ongoing, easy for input related and conveyed between work teams on the ground and private landowners during operations and all communications be in understandable laymen's language.

The actual goals and methods do not seem to be detailed on a parcel by parcel basis. Based on how well the USFS communicates and completes both goals and methods will determine when completed whether this project is held as an example for future forest management or used as another example of federal dollars thrown at a problem rather than solving it for the public good.