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Comments: I am concerned above the proposed Goose Creek Fuel Break project.

These trails are a scenic amenity and using them as a corridor to remove trees has considerable negative impact on their aesthetic and recreation value to the community.

This project will damage wildlife habitats including their food source. Ground cover vegetation has a hard time bouncing back from the use of machines to log adjacent to roads/trails. This is always a shame to see on recreation routes that once held fruitful berry bushes and happy animals foraging along side trail users.

The proposed thinning/logging along a 1000 foot corridor would remove shade and would increase temperatures in this areas. Dirt will not retain moisture like it once did ultimately leading to dust which will cause heavy sediment loss. During heavy rains and snowmelt periods water will run over the land, transporting sediments, causing trail and road damage.

If temporary roads must be put in, instead of dismantling them, it would be nice to see them turned in trails for recreational users to use after project completion. The vegetation won't bounce back from the traffic of the machinery so why not repurpose those areas into a user-friendly network to be used by the growing population of Gallatin County.

Lastly this proposal doesn't include any sort of timeline. Will Goose Creek road be temporarily closed or restricted to public use? How long with the trails be closed to recreational users?