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Comments: The Forest Service needs to stop allowing or intentionally removing roads and trails into the wilderness. These roads are invaluable to wildland fire fighters and wildland fire mitigation teams. In this light, the forest service should also drastically increase the number of year round wildland fire mitigation teams that can hand remove fuels.

The forest service shouldn't be relying on aerial, PFAS ladden, retardant bombers, not just because its highly inefficient but because the long term poisoning of our forest by these forever carcinogens is a catastrophe of its own making. Along with the pollution cause by the combustion engines themselves.

The forest service should encourage a large wildland fire fighter ground crew presence that during the non-fire season can be repurposed as wildland fire mitigation teams. This will give financial stability to these wildland workers by giving them year round jobs.

Lastly, the forest service should start the above initiative IMMEDIATELY. This year, 2024, will be one of the worst wildland fire years due to severe drought in several states. If mitigation would had been ongoing, these fire wouldn't have the potential.