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Comments: Hello

i am writing to object to any logging in the cove-mallard roadless area (Dixie Comstock). please consider the following points. i am a Physical Therapist, former Fish Biologist and a outdoor recreationalist.

1- The area has already burned in a diverse, mosaic pattern. There is little threat from a new fire. There is no emergency and this proposal is an abuse of existing law.

2- The area is healthy. The excuse that it isn't is disproven by the fact the lodgepole pine dominated forest has recently gone through a fire cycle. This is how that forest type has evolved.

3- Research shows that logging after a burn does considerable damage to soils and watersheds.

3- No logging should occur in the roadless area.

4- prevailing winds dictate that any fire would burn from outside the roadless area toward Dixie. Logging the roadless area makes no sense.

5- The Forest Service should re-implement the 2001 Dixie Fuel Break project. This was a science-based approach to the issue. Research by a Forest Service researcher shows that anything beyond about 40 meters from a structure is ineffective.

6- Landowners in the area need to implement fire-wise measures on their property. That is the best way to save structures.

7- Logging can actually increase the risk of wildfire fire by removing the most fire resistant large trees and leaving flammable slash and opening up the forest to wind, which drives fires.

thank you, i would like to be informed on your receiving this and on the decision making process in the future.

thank you,

Mark Robertson