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Comments: I oppose this project, no logging should occur in a roadless area. In addition, this area is Lodgepole pine predominant and has had a mosaic of fire recently. This is the natural succession of a healthy forest, lodgepole pine initially, fire, and replacement with successional later trees. This forest is healthy, has had recent fire, and is thus not an emergency situation.

Also, recent research shows that logging can damage the soils and watershed of an area, and logging can actually increase the likelihood of serious fire. I recently witnessed this on Crooked Creek near the Gospel Hump. There was a salvage harvest near the community of which had a mosaic of burned and unburned areas. The FS had a salvage harvest leaving patches of live remaining trees. A subsequent fire burned the entire area including the remaining patches of live trees.

Research also shows that the most effective measure to protect structures from fire is to remove burnable material and vegetation from an area of 40 meters around the structure. Not large timber sales in the region of the community/structures.