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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Larabee Hat Vegetation Project.

As an adjacent landowner to the project area, I am a proponent of the prudent reintroduction of fire across the landscape. However, the extreme fuel load conditions in the project area requires a well thought out and comprehensive burning prescription. In developing the plan, the Forest Service should pursue every opportunity to utilize commercial timber sales to reduce the existing fuel load, rehabilitate the Forest infrastructure, and conduct long overdue silvicultural treatments across the project area. Without removal and manipulation of some of the heavy fuels prior to introducing fire, the Forest Service would be courting potential catastrophic wildfires with serious financial and environmental consequences.

As the Larabee Hat Vegetation Project plan develops in the future, I am looking forward to reviewing and commenting on it. Thanks again for opportunity to comment on the project.