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Comments: My husband and I drove around the Buttermilk logged area last year and were horrified at the results. I understand the FS allowed the logging company to make many decisions on what trees to cut and FS staff were not on site regularly. I am pleased that the FS has modified its laissez faire approach with regard to logging companies thinning our national forests. I am in support of thinning and prescribed burning for the health and fire resilience of our forests. I want to reiterate how important it is to follow all of the below points in the Midnight all your thinning projects:

- 1. Leave clumps of trees and snags for habitat and avoid damage to leave trees
- 2. Minimal decision making to the logging company
- 3. Loggers may not increase the number of trees they cut based on anything except immediate safety to the operation AND with approval from FS personnel on site
- 4. FS staff need to be on site of the logging operation on a daily basis to monitor compliance, and have the authority to stop operations if non-compliance exists.

Thank you.