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Comments: Thinning of trees

I am a resident of the Sand Creek community north of Ranch A. Thank you for assisting with reducing fuels to lessen and possibly prevent wildfires in our area. We have 25 homes in our area with several elderly residents. I am also an avid hiker of the hills surrounding the areas you propose to thin and burn.

I am in favor of thinning and allowing minimal impact logging where local timber companies benefit from sale of appropriately thinned trees. Concerns are:

1. Safety to residents living in and near the areas designated in your project. This safety is endangered by burns in area and increased traffic on roads we use. 2. Potential erosion and alternatively expansion of Sand Creek Road, Rifle Pit Road, and the hiking trails we regularly use. 3.Destruction of confirmed nesting areas of blue heron and osprey, and other birds and damage to the beauty of natural surroundings. 4. The length of time our roads, trails, accesses are disturbed or blocked, and the final restoration of the access points/roads/trails.

Regarding prescribed burns, are you able to assure myself and my neighbors that the prescribed burns will stay contained and not come close to any residents or their dwellings?

We do appreciate the opportunity to work together with your professionals to model a properly balanced and safe project that shall prevent and/ or reduce likelihood of wildfires.