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Comments: I am leaning in favor of the plan primarily because it promises to promote a healthier forest, however, I have some comments and concerns which will need to be addressed before I am fully supportive.

1 - I am curious about the number of plots taken in each type and statistical integrity of the sample information.

2 - It appears you have your north arrow incorrect on several of the maps.

3 - I understand that large diameter snags and insect/disease infected overstory are a risk factor with lightning. However they also have significant wildlife benefits. I would like to see more study on benefits of retaining them measured against the risk. Somewhere in the text it was noted that 9 out of 13 fires since 1970 were human caused. Were all 4 of the others from snags? If so, were the resulting fires large? Etc. I'd like to see more study before coming up with a plan for proposed to be removed.

4 - On page 14 the description of the dry mixed conifer type lacks a list of species (other than noting deciduous aspen and gambrel oak are present). What species in what proportions are associated with this type would be interesting to know.

5 - Perhaps most importantly I do not see anything about resources in place for when the burning occurs and related details. For example, It would be good to know that a couple of air tankers were within an hour or so away on the burn days. It would also be good to know that there were a couple of helicopters nearby. It would also be reassuring to know that there were no fires underway elsewhere in the region that might have firefighters and other resources tied up when these burns get started.

6 - One last question, given recent controlled burns that got away: Have new protocols been put in place to be certain burn piles are OUT (thermal remote sensing, etc)?

Thank you

Since there is a lot of material presented I apologize if I missed something that was addressed. I will appreciate someone pointing me to the location of such material.