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Comments: Dear District Ranger Thom,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Cooke City Fuels and Forest Health Project. As a public land user, neighbor to USFS lands, and a frequent visitor to the Cooke City-Silvergate area, I wanted to state some concerns I have over the proposed fuels reduction proposed for Cooke City.

-First, there is a genuine lack of detail about treatment units and their locations and potential impact.

-Second, I don't feel that I or others have had enough time to grasp the scope and potential impacts of this project

-Lastly, from what I can tell given the information that is available, I am opposed to any timber cutting operations in that area (especially south of 212) to preserve the forest integrity, maintain moisture regimes that exist in the existing stands, prevent erosion of toxic mining waste that is still embedded in and along Soda Butte Creek, and to protect the use that area for moose (who have very little habitat in the NE corridor since 1988) and the use of that area by grizzly bears who get forage and cover, both of which i enjoy watching in that area.

Thank you,

George Bumann