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Comments: I am looking out the window at the smoke in the foothills of Boise. Severe wildfires are the greatest threat to our forests, wildlife and communities. We need policies to accelerate forest thinning and other management activities.

We have too much bureaucracy around our forests. More bureaucracy won't save our forests-proactive stewardship will. Empower our public lands managers to do their jobs and take care of the forests.

Rather than adding more red tape and litigation to the management of our federal forests, individual national forests should focus on implementing the Wildfire Crisis Strategy through their existing forest plans to achieve desired conditions on these landscapes.