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Comments: I am writing to express my support for proposed actions to reduce the risk of future catastrophic wildfire and insect and disease risk in unburned and low severity patches. As an ecologist, I contend that this action is among the highest priority of those proposed actions listed to ensure that these forests and communities thrive into the future. I also hope that the use of prescribed burning for this purpose continues, with appropriate precautions for changing climatic conditions in winter and spring considered, as prescribed burning is often the most efficient and effective way to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire where fire has been suppressed.