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Comments: I am concerned about the impact of heavy machinery on the soil and root systems around mature trees in the treatment areas and implore the Forest Service to utilize drip lines and no-cut buffers of at least 50 feet to protect these larger-diameter trees. In addition, the mature trees (30+ inches DBH) in the treatment areas should be left in place.

Also, all the remaining mature complex acreage (549 acres) mentioned in page 23 of the Environmental Assessment should be excluded from treatment.