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Comments: I have lived in Yellow Pine since 2002 during that time we have gone through several fire scares. Although the town has not been overtaken by fire yet I say yet we have come very close so this issue is very important to me. After every fire we have to endure the scarred landscape, falling trees and rockslides on the roads, flooded areas washing out bridges and avalanches closing the roads. The Forest Service mantra is that letting it burn is natural to the area. This approach is laziness and the greed of big bucks going to the firefighting efforts once a fire is started. The better way is clearing and logging. You could spend the firefighting money having crews and equipment clear the land and I'm sure some use could be found for the logged trees with clearing the forest fees being offset with this revenue. I agree with our Governor Brad Little that a better Forest management of our National Forest should match the management of private lands. Sincerely, Lorinne N. Munn