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Comments: I wish to object to this plan. My 92 year old mom spends her summers in Bondurant. My brother lives there year round.

In 2024, a similar burn plan was enacted on Monument Ridge, with a limited time-frame proposed. It was supposed to happen during a rainy season in June, which no longer happens in the Hoback Basin. The weather was dry and warm, and the action created a great deal of air pollution in the form of thick black smoke for 2 months, way beyond the date it was supposed to be completed. I think reduction of fuels is not an excuse to create thick smoke, which we are now getting every summer although somewhat later, when other areas of the forest catch on fire. It was a hazard to people and animals. I checked the air quality monitor, and there were a lot of days that were hazardous to elders and children. What are you doing?!?

You accomplish nothing in the line of helping animals migrate; they're pretty smart and can step around some pine trees, even deadfall. If you are concerned about wildlife, quit burning up their habitat, and their young ones too in this season of the year. If we are concerned about air quality, quit creating the very thing you say you are trying to stop. It is also ridiculous to burn conifers to allow aspen to proliferate. Some of the trees on Monument were huge old giants. Ten years from now, you'll be wanting more evergreens and fewer aspen. This is not good management; it is a waste of resources, taxpayer dollars and humans too.

And, what of scenic beauty? Monument Ridge was beautiful until you guys burned it to hell.

We're having another light winter, so far. It would take a lot of snow to make up for the dry conditions we've had since 2017. Just stop this craziness. Thin the forest slowly with a chainsaw, or cut up deadfall the same way. Quit taking the easy way of throwing a match into it.