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Comments: December 23, 2024Dear Ranger Gassmann, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the "Pine Ph lats" project. I am a landowner that is adjacent to and south of unit 503, we share approximately 1000 feet of property line. I appreciate that the USFS is making efforts to actively manage lands within the Wild land Urban Interface north of Libby. These efforts, if implemented, will modify fire behavior and forest health in a positive way for the forest and the community. I support the proposed action. My project specific comments are in relation to unit 503. I have recently treated my property (10.27 acres) utilizing a very similar harvest method as is proposed in 503; an improvement harvest with the piling and burning of logging slash. I intend to reintroduce fire on my property by means of a low intensity, post-harvest broadcast burn. I would like to encourage the USFS to also utilize broadcast burning as a tool for landscape restoration. I would be willing to cooperate with the forest in a joint burn, thus increasing acres treated and reducing the amount of constructed fire line that may be needed. Sincerely, Jeremy Rank