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Comments: While I am in favor of thinning the forest to improve its health, I have serious concerns about some important items.

1. Who will be responsible for making the call on an intended burn and will the person(s) consult with other individuals and organizations to seek consensus on any proposed "go-ahead"? Stakeholders involve not only the USFS, but also the BLM, Sand Creek Country Club, Red

Canyon Ranch Property Owners Association, and other residents. These stakeholders should be included in decision making. We don't need another Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon 300,000 acres of "controlled burn".

2. The following is based on the premise that logging trucks, fire trucks, and other large equipment will traverse Sand Creek Road west of Ranch A: Sand Creek Road approximately 1.6 miles west of Ranch A experiences a couple of sharp turns. The US Forest Service recently trimmed these two areas of brush to lower the traffic hazard. The road is narrow such that two passing logging trucks cannot fit within the confines of the road. The same can be said for fire trucks, pickups hauling trailers, etc. Further complicating the two areas is the VERY steep hillside on the outside radius of the curves (nearly straight up). There is little to no opportunity to widen the road in that direction. On the other side of the road, the inside radius, there is a VERY steep cliff down from the road and is dangerous. It would be no small matter to fix the road at these two points. The creek bed below would need to be redirected and a substantial amount of fill dirt with large rocks to stabilize the material would need to be deposited. I estimate tens of thousands of dollars to fix. Will the USFS address this hazard or ignore it?