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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

We own property on Castle Creek Road that borders National Forest lands.

We purchased the property because we value the beauty of the Black Hills.

We appreciate the effort to reduce wildfire risk.

Page numbers below refer to documentation: Sawbuck Detailed Project Description and Comment Opportunity.pdf, Sawbuck Forest Management Project Proposal and Opportunity to Comment

p. 13: "Commercial Thin"

We object to commercial logging along castle creek road because it will degrade the value of our property.

p. 13: "patch clearcuts"

We object to patch clearcuts that would be visible from our property.

Clearcuts, even small ones, degrade the natural beauty of the place.

Is there a limit to the size of patch clearcuts (how many acres)?

Is there a limit to the proximity of one clearcut to the next?

P. 17: "Road-stream crossing replacement or upgrade"

Is this work anticipated where castle creek crosses castle creek road? Multiple crossings exist.

p. 17: "manage undesirable, nonnative species"

It is not clear whether this includes the use of herbicides.

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p. 18: "In Management Area 3.7 (Late-successional Landscapes) a total of 2,097 acres is being evaluated for a range of vegetation treatments, including both commercial and non-commercial options."

The meaning of "treatments" is unclear. Please explain what this means.

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p. 18: "Noxious weed prevention and control measures"

The treatment methods are unclear.

We object to the use of herbicides due to risk of contamination of the environment, especially creeks and rivers.

p. 18: "The project may require an undetermined amount of temporary road construction to support implementation efforts, with the exact mileage to be determined as planning progresses. These could be new, or on old road templates."

We value the remoteness of our property and therefore we object to temporary road construction on Castle Creek road.