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Comments: There are certainly a number of actions in this project that I support, such as non-commercial thinning, prescribed burning, and aspen enhancement. You have done a good job of providing the type of information one would need to evaluate this project, and I thank you for that. From your information, it appears that half of the project area has had some type of commercial treatment over the last 20 years. This is pretty aggressive. I ride snowmobile in this area and adjacent areas and am somewhat familiar with the conditions there. Also, looking on Google Earth, it does appear that much of the project area is already pretty thin. East of the project area, there was the tornado damage and it has been heavily affected. Southeast of the project area, east and north of O'Neil Pass, there has been extensive recent logging with abundant top piles. These areas look to be mostly overstory removal, with saplings and poles remaining. The point is, there are not a lot of mature trees left in this greater area. With your planned shelterwood establishment and removal, you are targeting mature trees. It is ok to leave some on the stump out there, you don't have to get rid of all of them. Have you considered individual tree selection? Managing these areas with uneven-age management instead? That's my suggestion for what it is worth; either that or drop the shelterwood cuts altogether.