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Comments: District Ranger Jonathan Leblanc, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Deep Rabbit Fuels Break project #67534. We appreciate the Forest Service taking proactive fire prevention fuels reduction measures as well as making wood products available commercially. It certainly makes dollars and sense for the Forest Service to make money off our timber resources while creating fuel breaks vs burdening the taxpayers of the costly fire suppression activities.

The currently approved Retrack Placer Mine POO-2018-072473 already accomplishes the fuels reduction purpose and need within a portion of the Rabbit Flat proposed action area. We currently have an active Retrack mine operation in the Rabbit Flat area specifically in Township 22 North Range 20 East Section 29 which the scoping notice identifies certain fuel treatment units within the boundary of the mine site. Concerns are having active fuels reduction activities within the mine site could substantially interfere with our mine plan, reclamation goals, and create potential safety issues. With that being said, we certainly are willing to work with the Forest Service and the Mine Safety Health Administration to seek constructive solutions.

Moving on to the specific road #61007 & #61008 in the Rabbit Flat area, we are currently making surface improvements along these routes and would ask the Forest Service to help preserve and contribute resources commensurate with the proposed activities to maintain and protect the roads in this area as well as ingress and egress for our and the public's use.

Within the proposed treatment area in Township 23 North Range 29 East we have numerous legal mine claim corner monument trees and would ask the Forest Service leave these mine claim monument trees undisturbed. We can paint or flag our claim monument trees as leave trees.

We are currently working with our Minerals administrator project lead Glenwood Brittain to schedule a meeting with the Timber administrator and look forward in coordination and cooperation to mitigating and addressing any issue.

Respectfully, Rory Doloughan

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