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Comments: It is well known that thinning leads to dryer forest. Wind whips thru more and fires spread faster. Also thinning takes out the large trees (which are more fire resistant) and leaves the smaller trees (under 10" dbh?) which are less fire resistant. Leave the large trees! And be honest on the effects of thinning. See Smokescreen by Dr Chad Hanson. And, 12 acres of old growth forest? No way. This is absolutely necessary for the health of the forest. Jon Heberling