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Comments: I think that if the area is in need of thinning-especially of dead and dying trees, the public should be allowed to harvest firewood, posts and poles from the areas beforehand. There is so much useable firewood up on shadow that it would be a shame to just burn it up. Or maybe what was done at togwotee mountain lodge this past summer where useable logs were stacked for people to harvest with valid permits. Once the prescribed burns occur, these resources will be lost.

I also would object to doing the prescribed burns in the fall time, when deer, elk and bird hunting occurs. I have lived in Kelly and have been hunting in the shadow mountain area for 15 years, and the last time there was roadside work being done up there (masticating etc), the animals dispersed and were not in the areas for that hunting season. It really screws things up to do the work in the fall time. I would request that the burns are delayed until springtime of 2026. It is safer to do in the springtime and doesn't affect animal patterns as much as if done in the fall.

Thanks for your consideration.