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Comments: As a County Commissioner in the 90's I was peripherally involved in the opening of South Cottonwood Road to public access. Years of negotiation with various groups made the trail along the Cottonwood Creek accessible to the public. PLAAl bought the cabin in the canyon to force access to it, then donated it to make the access open to the public. There has never been a time when public access and recreation is more important than now with the rapid growth of Bozeman. It is far more important than the need for logging this precious piece of forest. The interests of the public are more urgent than a few pieces of lumber causing the destruction of the beautiful forest. As we all know, the idea of logging to prevent forest fires is at best a theory that has yet to be proven. There is no road into this canyon so logging would require a road to be built preventing the public from enjoying this roadless area. Please do not bend to the wishes of a few politicians and their logger pals. Please answer to the public who enjoy this area instead.

Thanks,

Deb Berglund