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Comments: I strongly oppose the Hyalite Cottonwood Fuels Reduction Project #67535 for multiple reasons:

- There has been woefully inadequate public coverage of this very significant proposed project and a complete absence of public meetings; this in and of itself is simply wrong

- There are not EIAs available; have they been conducted? I am referencing

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/custergallatin/projects/67535> and do not see anything there

- This is a dearly beloved area for thousands who recreate there in all seasons and the proposed project would have severe and deleterious impacts on utilization of this treasured resource

- The assumptions on which this project is based are largely erroneous, ill-conceived and unfounded - The project will NOT reduce the risk of wildfires but WILL have very significant negative effects on wildlife habitat, water resources, and wildlife in the short run as well as in the long term future; it would be extremely destructive to the ecosystem in myriad ways.

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MAJOR PROJECT WITHOUT APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, REVIEW AND DISCUSSION!!!