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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed Pikes Peak Vegetation Management and Restoration Project. Logging and burning more than 194,000 acres-using an "emergency" authority to bypass full environmental review-is inappropriate and dangerous for Colorado's forests.

This project would remove mature and old-growth trees, damage high-elevation ecosystems, and harm threatened species including the Mexican Spotted Owl, Preble's meadow jumping mouse, and lynx. Logging in Roadless Areas and constructing new roads would fragment habitat, increase erosion, and degrade water quality.

Large-scale backcountry logging does not meaningfully reduce wildfire risk. Science shows the most effective protection comes from home-hardening and creating defensible space near communities, not from clearcutting miles away.

I urge the Forest Service to withdraw this proposal and pursue wildfire strategies that protect both people and the long-term health of Colorado's forests.