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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express strong support for proactive forest thinning as a critical tool for wildfire protection. Thoughtful thinning reduces excessive fuel loads, improves forest health, and significantly lowers the intensity and spread of wildland fires, helping protect nearby communities, infrastructure, and natural resources.

In addition, I respectfully request that existing forest roads and established staging areas be maintained and left in place following thinning or management activities. These access routes are essential for rapid wildland fire response, firefighter safety, and effective suppression operations. Preserving them also supports ongoing recreation and responsible public use of managed forest lands.

Maintaining both fuel-reduction efforts and functional access infrastructure ensures long-term resilience of our forests while improving public safety and emergency response capabilities.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and consideration of these important issues.

Respectfully,