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Comments: To the Granite Moccasin Project Team,

I am writing in strong support of the Granite Moccasin Project (Project #68919).

I live and work in a community where wildfire risk is not an abstract concern. It affects how we plan for summer, how we think about evacuation routes, and how we protect our families, neighbors, homes, and the places we rely on for work, recreation, and everyday life. For me, this project represents the kind of practical, proactive action that is needed to reduce risk before conditions become an emergency.

I also want to highlight that keeping our forests healthy helps keep our communities healthy, and that is an essential part of wildfire mitigation. I have had the honor and pleasure of seeing firsthand how forest health and fuels work benefits the community when it is done thoughtfully and proactively. Work like this can reduce the likelihood of severe wildfire, lessen smoke impacts on public health, protect watersheds and drinking water sources, support wildlife habitat, and help preserve access to outdoor places that are central to our local way of life. When forests are healthier and more resilient, our communities are safer and better able to withstand fire seasons that are becoming more challenging.

I appreciate the focus on fuels reduction and forest health, and I encourage the Forest Service to prioritize treatments that meaningfully reduce the potential for high intensity fire behavior, especially near communities, evacuation routes, and other high-risk areas like critical infrastructure. I also encourage continued coordination with local partners and the public to implement this work safely and effectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for the work you are doing to reduce wildfire risk through proactive management. I support moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

Amanda Opp