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Comments: As the Flathead County Fire Service Area Manager representing the homeowners in the middlefork area I support the project. There is a need to do forest management in the area. In reading the article in the Flathead Beacon about the project Jan 15,2026 I find some of the statements make like Fuel Reductions Projects don't slow spread of wildfire. Some parts of the statement has some truth, with 33 years as a firefighter I have had many opportunities to see the fire behavior change as fire moved into an area that has had fuels work completed and there is a substantial change in fire behavior. With that change in fire behavior also allows firefighter more options to safely attack the fire.

There is a need for Forest Management projects throughout the county, I support this project.

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