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Comments: I was discouraged to read about the level of proposed timber "management" and vegetation removal planned in the Granite-Moccasin project. I agree that some fuel treatments right next to critical infrastructure, such as removing trees along gas and power lines, are very appropriate. However, this project appears to "thin" the forest, much further away from Wild land-Urban-Interface and utility corridors in many places, to a point where it will look almost more like a golf course than a forest, nothing like the wild and scenic corridor viewshed that thousands of Americans value.

A lot of the commercial timber management activities in the project appear to be planned more than 100 feet from any structures, which means the WUI-wildfire defense benefits from them appear to be negligible. Heavy fuels treatments, thinning, and other commercial logging will actually dry vegetation and soils out, opening up the formerly closed stands to wind (and windfall), both allowing for quicker fire spread through a much drier landscape. Furthermore, treatments along slopes right near rivers lead to heavier sedimentation and slope destabilization. Meanwhile, these "treated" areas' ability to stop or slow a high severity stand-replacement wildfire is questionable. Furthermore, the heavy impacts of this proposed project on the waterways, rare and sensitive wildlife species, and fisheries values would seem to necessitate more thorough environmental review and planning, rather than fitting in with an "emergency action" of "possible wildfires" that occur on average intervals of several decades to hundreds of years apart. The portions of the project that plan commercial timber activities further than several hundred feet from critical infrastructure should be removed, as they are more damaging to our collective American values of intact forest systems, quality wildlife preserves, and scenic recreational opportunities than they are helpful for several big timber corporations or for actual wildfire prevention.