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Comments: I have a background as a science educator and as a forest service small mammal technician. I have been in state forests, national parks, and random forests in almost every state of the U.S. I object to the Chalk Buttes project for the following reasons:

- 1) Geographically, the proposed project area is the only clump of forest for five miles, Ekalaka Park being the next closest forested area.
- 2) Forests in this area are not that dense. Suggesting this area needs fire suppression is a stretch.
- 3) Stating that this area would revert to its natural state after the temporary roads are removed is comical. Everyone who has seen a logging operation knows the land is a mess, will never look the same, and that the roads are not made to look as if they were never there. The roads are simply abandoned - compacted, polluted, and abandoned.
- 4) Removal of the trees will drastically increase the runoff into the streams, especially due to the steepness of the terrain.