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Comments: I am writing to oppose the Bear Palmer Forest Health Project. This project has nothing to do with keeping the forest healthy, but just a way to clear cut commercial timber in an area that is too close to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. This project will cause tremendous harm to the Yellowstone River, Jardine, and the Yellowstone Park.

The waste runoff from this timber cut will drain into creeks that drain into the Yellowstone River which will have devastating effects on the health and population of native trout. The Yellowstone River has already lost about 57% of its historic stream habitat, and this will cause further damage. Also the history of mining in Jardine is problematic. Without environmental studies prior to the start of this project, there is no way to know what other contaminants will be sent into the rivers.

Most of the cutting is miles away from the town of Jaradine, so how does this help to save town structures from fire, one of the reasonings for this cut. And where will the roads be?

Finally, this is a extremely important habitat area for elk, lynx, and bears. The current information talks about this complying with bear habitat by giving 10 acres of space for grizzly bears, but this is not current, or correct scientific habitat for bears. Other projects in this same forest near Cooke City have been called off, and I hope we can r each the same conclusion. This project is not right for Jaradine and the Yellowstone region.