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Comments: Hello,

As a mother, Salt Lake City resident, and as a doctoral candidate in Parks, Recreation, & Tourism, I offer my full endorsement of this project. Thinning our forest of the fuels that have become rampant after years of fire suppression is essential to protecting our canyons from wildfire conflagrations. I hope our fire leaders are consulting our Indigenous communities, who know these lands and how/when to burn in the planning process. I also hope that we are finding ways to utilize the small-diameter products resulting from forest thinning. There is a great program in New Mexico, run in partnership with the National Forest Foundation, called "Wood for Life," that donates these small-diameter products to the Navajo Nation, which still uses wood for home heating and cooking. It would be great to see a program like this in Utah. My dissertation research is focused on the political ecology of the Wasatch, and I am very pleased to see this move toward truly saving our canyons from their biggest threat, which I agree is currently wildfire. Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Sasha Mader