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Comments: Dear Forest Service Staff,

Comment letter # 1.

I object to this project. It is too large. The EA needs more alternatives. The volume of timber to be removed needs reduction, as do the amount of acres of land impacted.

This Forest is cutting down trees at a not sustainable rate. You are cutting the wood (timber) down faster than forest can replace it. However, beyond timber volume, there are other values on the Forest, such as biodiversity values that need to be managed for sustainability. You are removing too many large trees, you have removed too much SS 5 (old growth). There are not enough trees left with large diameters.

If you have objectives to fight fire - you should be replacing pine with aspen. Please cut empty spaces around edges of aspen stands so they will expand.....you need more aspen to resist fires. You are opening up too many pine canopies to create too much pine regeneration.. You are leaving too many small baby trees, that will grow into teenagers and be the next fire risk. You will have ladder fuels from the baby trees. Eventually they will be the next "crown fire", but closer to the ground.

I want you to reduce the annual timber sale volume on the Forest and in this project, to not cut any large diameter pine trees, not cut any old growth, stay out of (don't cut) the SS 4C, SS 4B. You should protect the 4A stands that have large diameter trees (leave them alone). You should allow for some mixed stands as an objective and not try to cut out all the pine from within an aspen stand, but instead encourage aspen to invade or replace the pine stands.

I don't want any new roads built, I want road templates obliterated.

I care very much about "at risk" species, such as Forest sensitive species and rare plant communities. I worry about goshawks, martins, rare snails, dippers and black backed woodpeckers. I care very much about primitive and wild areas and want more areas managed for primitive or semi-primitive ROS Class. I want more areas managed for high quality SMS goals. I care about the scenery along trails, not just as viewed from highways.

Please keep me on the mailing list for this project