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Comments: There is sufficient research, for example Richard Hutto's work, to suggest we should aim for (or at least seriously consider) minimal intervention in the burn area until there is a more robust body of research on the long-term impact of interventions versus allowing natural processes. There are natural fire ecology processes which likely will result in longer term fire risk mitigation and a healthier ecosystem which have not been adequately considered and studied.

We should aim to reduce roads rather than restore them because the majority of wildfires come from human presence, so I suggest we look at only restoring truly necessary roads and only cutting trees that present an actual threat to utility lines and active roads.

I would suggest focusing funds on preventing invasive weeds in the burn by both removing them as they come up and, most importantly, setting up education signage and weed wash and brush stations where roads enter the burn. Currently, there is no signage and people are driving and hiking in the burn without checking for seeds on their boots and tires.

Thank you for considering these approaches.