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Dear Mr. Tippy,

The Town of Canyon City has reviewed the *Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impacts for the Little Canyon Mountain Fuel Reduction Project*. The City Council has expressed their appreciation for your prompt response to citizen concern in regard to the situation on Little Canyon Mountain.

The Council favors Alternative E – Graded Basal Treatment. They feel that it is imperative to target the dead and dying, beetle infested trees and then follow with an appropriate thinning operation.

The Council felt that Alternative E would best reduce the fuel load as well as maintain the aesthetic appearance of the mountain, which is an important consideration since it is a major piece of our landscape.

We believe that Alternative E will thin the timber to a standard that will promote healthier growth and deter insects. Using a graded basal target will lessen the potential for a fire that could threaten our town.

The city supports the improvement of the main access road and the limited access to the “Pit” in order to discourage people from dumping garbage as they have done in the past. We want to maintain the access to all of the mining claims, and for reasonable recreational use.

Sincerely,

Don Mooney
Mayor