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Dear Mr. Tippy,

I have received and read the *Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impacts for the Little Canyon Mountain Fuel Reduction Project*.

Little Canyon Mountain is very important to me for several reasons. I am fascinated with the history, the mining particularly. I also love to hike on the mountain and I do whenever I have the time. The closeness to, and view of the mountain are the reason I bought my home.

I have been concerned for some time about the dying trees on the north side of the mountain. I have worried each time lightning has struck even near the mountain. We have had so many devastating fires over the years, and if the mountain burned, it would impact many people and the entire town of Canyon City.

I am no expert in the area of forest health, fuel reduction or fire prevention and suppression. I appreciate the document that your agency put together outlining the various options concerning Little Canyon Mountain. I feel that the document does a good job of explaining the options that are being considered.

I personally favor Alternative E. I feel that it targets the dead and dying trees and would reduce the fuel load and improve fire prevention and suppression opportunities. I also feel that thinning using the graded basal target beginning around 40 BA at the base of the mountain and increasing to 100 BA at the top of the mountain would maintain the appearance of the mountain as much as possible and still address the problem.

I am in favor of closing the pit to vehicles over 50 inches wide. I will also support closing many of the dead-end roads on the mountain. I feel that reasonable access for

recreation and for the miners is important. But, there are so many roads that don't lead to anything.

I have found a lot of campfire rings and evidence of parties on these dead end roads. They have also provided a way for people to dump garbage for many years. I am involved in the organization of a clean-up of the pit area. One of the things that really concerns us is how we will keep this from happening again after we have it cleaned up. I think limited access will help.

Thank you for all you have done to address this concern. I know that this process has been expedited because of the concerns that were brought to you, and I want to thank you for that.

Sincerely,

Tammy Bremner
Canyon City Resident