

**Darby Thinning  
Private Land Adjacent to the Bitterroot National Forest  
Montana  
2001**



**Mixed conifer (Ponderosa Pine and Douglas fir) stand before treatment, which included thinning to reduce the number of trees and reduce competition for the pine. Forest health was also improved by reducing the number of trees per acre and reducing the hazardous fuel build up caused by dense forest stands.**



**After treatment- Note less trees per acre and undergrowth, which often serves as a ladder for a ground fire to reach the tree tops. Piles of brush will be removed.**