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Ranger Ruth,

I was just forwarded the notice for the proposed Project on the South Fork. The work around private lands is good but the proposal from Carter Meadows to Trail Creek is a great concern. (Fig 2, map 1 of 3). While I can live with the limited prescribed fire in wilderness at Hidden Lake, I do not think y'all should be logging in the LSR which has older forest character. I also oppose the helicopter logging upslope which is not consistent with fire risk reduction. Helicopter logging typically concentrates logging slash in areas that are not subsequently "treated".

Furthermore, historically this is an area where the FS has volume hunted in the past, including for large trees (see photo below from 08/16/2011).



I fear this is what is intended by including this area, that is, volume hunting. At these elevations and in these particular forests y'all should limit yourselves to work in the plantations and creating understory fuel control within 300 feet of roads; NO HELICOPTERS!.

Carter Meadows and that whole corridor is already a wet meadow fire break for the most part with rock spires above to the south also inhospitable to fire spread. Also, some of those higher elevation forests, e.g. true fir, above Carter Meadows are naturally dense.

Finally, please consider including meadow restoration up Long Gulch in this planning process so that we can have it on the shelf. If y'all do that I'll find the restoration funds so how about it?

How about a field trip up there when the snow clears?

Please add this to the record as a scoping comment for the "South Fork Project Proposal" and please have me added to the list for future notices and document review.

Thanks.

Felice Pace