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To Whom it May Concern:

The following are my comments on the Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project #60950.

When I first examined the maps, I was alarmed to note that several Forests were proposing extensive work on trails within Wilderness, which would likely violate the Wilderness Act. The proposed action is completely silent on specifics regarding what is being proposed within Wilderness; in fact, the word "Wilderness" is nowhere to be found in the document. After further review of the updated maps, the Wilderness trails appear to have been removed from all the maps with the exception of Trail 27E223 on the Sierra, west of Lake Edison. Please clarify what, if any, activities are proposed within Wilderness, and if there are any, please explain how these activities would comply with the Wilderness Act. In any case, funding should be dedicated for regular trail crews to remove trees after they come down on Wilderness trails, and that minimum tool analyses be done and incorporated into the document if necessary.

I note that the maps for the Plumas appear to be missing coverage of the area around Bucks Summit.

Many of the Forests propose extensive work along roads. The Klamath never conducted a Subpart A roads analysis; I don't know the status of the other Forests' analyses. I suspect that many of the roads proposed for treatment are not essential, but if the Subpart A analysis is non-existent, this will be impossible to determine. I

would suggest that many of the roads proposed for hazard tree removal should be closed instead.

Sincerely yours,

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