

Cooper Otte

I am concerned that the only proposed treatment for fire-affected trees deemed likely to fall is felling. It concerns me that this can include living trees with old growth characteristics which are at the very edge of the potential road strike distance. I request you consider other hazard tree mitigation techniques to

include in preference to felling wherever possible. I request that you make allowances to individually weigh the many ecosystem benefits of each large tree to allow for possible individual exceptions to felling where it may be technically merited by the narrow risk assessment metrics. I request you prepare an EIS in order to determine whether there are such alternatives that would meet the project's objectives.

These comments are timely, submitted via email by the stated deadline of April 15th 2022, as well sent via postal service, certified return receipt and post-marked by April 15th 2022.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cooper Otte". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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