

To Whom It May Concern:

Cal-Wood Education Center supports the work that the St. Vrain Forest Health project is working to accomplish. All the goals of this project align with Cal-Wood's goals for managing their forest, and landscape as a whole. Improving forest resilience, restoring fire dynamics, assisting with the creation of fire adapted communities, improving/maintaining watershed health, creating biologically diverse landscapes, and promoting social and economic conditions are all highly important functions of a landscape. Now more than ever we need to assist our forests with wildfire pre/post recovery, preserve our water supply, and adapt to climate change.

I reviewed the NEPA documents for the St. Vrain Forest Health project. Overall, the materials were great—very clear cut and informative with what the plan is. It is also a very educational document for anyone wanting to learn about forest management.

I just have a few suggestions to make this easier to read to the non-forester that may be reading this:

- Appendix E Maps
  - Have a short definition page that goes with Map 2 to explain the management terms
  - Have a short definition page that goes with Map 5 to explain the Biophysical terminology codes. As in A2=??, D3=??. I know that Appendix D explains this but the last pictured chart is hard to read what exactly these codes mean. It would be nice to have a quick reference when looking at this map.
- Appendix B Management Cards
  - Have a small before and after picture on each management card so the reader does not have to go back to the Appendix A to see what it means visually.
- Create an Appendix document just on how public engagement is going to work in communities and areas where there are a lot of private properties. This way the public can see what and how the public engagement piece is going to be implemented and where they fit into it.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all about my recommendations or comments. I am very excited for this project to happen.

Sincerely,

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