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Eldorado National Forest
Attn: MAC Forest Project
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To Forest Supervisors Jason Kuiken and Amy Reid:

The Tuolumne Group of the Sierra Club submits these comments in response to the scoping notice for the MAC Forest Project for portions of the Stanislaus Forest and the Eldorado Forest. As we have shared in past comments, the Club recognizes the importance of doing treatments to reduce the risk from extreme wildfires and drought.

This scoping comment letter identifies two issues that our group sees as highly important.

The Sierra Club asks that the MAC Project protect large trees in the project area. Large, older trees are important not only for wildlife, but also because they benefit forest visitors who come to enjoy scenic values and recreation. For thinning logging treatments in the Project, we ask that there be a cut limit of 30" in diameter. We oppose the logging of larger trees, and our national Sierra Club organization is a strong advocate for a nationwide policy to preserve old growth forest areas.

A second comment is to emphasize that our members do not support the use of herbicides on public forest lands. We oppose herbicide use due to concerns about contamination risk to the public, risk to water quality, and risk to wildlife. Herbicides may be cheaper and possibly more effective than other treatments, but chemical use is still opposed by our Group and by many members of the public.

In past comment letters we have shared acceptance of a limited use of herbicides as a last resort to control invasive weeds. But for the maintenance of fuel breaks, we urge that it be done by prescribed burning or mechanical treatments, and not by any use of herbicides.

Keith Martin
Keith Martin, Chair