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U.S. FOREST SERVICE Mount Shasta Ranger District

In reference to Elk LSR Enhancement Project. It has been brought to our attention by know specialist Philip Fachini, you are planning on closing existing temp roads in the Elk Flat area. Ourselves and fellow mushroom hunters in our late 70's & 80's will find it difficult to access our age old mushroom areas. We are told you plan to allow the musket club to use the Elk Flat for there activities. Would it be possible to leave the temp roads open to mushroomers from April 1st through July 4th week end and close the rest of the year? We have lost much of our area in the McCloud Flats area due to clear cutting and burning. When areas are clear cut there is no shade and the spores do no reproduce.

When the areas are burned it destroys existing good trees and the burnt stumps and roots destroy spores that are thousands of years old, never to produce again. It is necessary to harvest ripe timber. Selected logging areas and skidding practices would benefit the hundreds of people using the forests to harvest another natural resource. Thank you for reading our concerns on this matter.

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