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Comments: I am writing on behalf of Sierra Pacific Industries - Burney Division in response to the letter we received regarding the "Pumice Vegetation Management Project" dated September 14, 2020.Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) operates nearby forest products manufacturing facilities in Burney, Anderson, and Shasta Lake. These facilities are an important part of the local economy and provide family wage jobs for their employees and they rely on forest products generated from forest management activities that occur within the project area.We Support the Purpose and Need for Action:1. Restore fire as an ecosystem process.2. Reduce the risk of undesired wildfire effects to important resources.3. Reduce stand densities to productive and sustainable levels.4. Increase the number of young, healthy ponderosa pine to encourage vegetation species and standstructure diversity.5. Improve stand resilience to wildfire, insects, and disease.6. Provide economic benefits to the local communities.7. Provide opportunities for public firewood cutting.Sierra Pacific Industries supports the forest's decision to treat 6,240 acres and reduce the risk of wildfires in the projects areas timber stands. By reducing the fuel loads it will improve and support forest health and diversity while increasing resiliency to disease and insects. Local communities will benefit economically while increasing their fire safety as well.One concern that we have as a company is the reintroduction of fire to the landscape. Though we think it can be a beneficial management technique, we have seen these types of prescribed bums do damage to the timber the project is trying to protect. Making sure that the stand of timber is properly mechanically thinned is keyand having a CE ready to act quickly if the burn does get out of control will be important for salvaging the lost timber.Thank you for considering our comments.