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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Region 5's Post Disturbance Hazardous

Tree Management Project. Timber Products Company (TPC) employs approximately 1,200 people with family wage jobs in 10 manufacturing facilities. Our softwood veneer mill in Yreka is one of just two mills remaining in Siskiyou County, and is dependent on timber from National Forests for its continued viability. We currently hold 4 National Forest contracts with associated remaining volume of approximately 18 MMBF.

We have received your letter dated October 25,

2021 requesting comments on the

Region 5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project.

Actions Proposed:

Hazard tree felling, removal, and slash removal in Region 5 forests.

Comments:

TPC strongly supports the USFS and the proposed action.

TPC also supports the USFS in seeking an Emergency Situation Determination from the Chief of the Forest Service which would help expedite the actions proposed in the project.

The severity of the 2021 fire season was unprecedented in recent history. The widespread devastation to watersheds throughout Region 5 will have long term effects for generations to come. The sheer immensity of the situation certainly warrants an ESD to expedite on the ground actions and capture commercial value of salvage timber, as well as treat areas along public roads to reduce the risk to the public. Any mechanism that will speed up analysis, review and implementation is strongly supported by TPC.