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Jennifer Eberlien Regional Forester Attn: SERAL Draft ROD 2 [DN\_2] – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency 1323 Club Drive Vallejo, CA 94592

Dear Ms. Eberlien,

Sierra Pacific has been fully involved in each stage of the SERAL project, and submitted a detailed commentary on the DEIS on January  $20^{th}$ , 2022. This comment emphasized an overall robust support for this project and the good it could do for our community and our forests. We strongly encourage and fully support the implementation of Alternative 1 as written in the SERAL DEIS, with consideration of the modifications detailed in our January  $20^{th}$  letter.

As the modifications recommended by SPI were clearly communicated in the aforementioned comment letter, we would like to formally request to be Intervenors in the Objection process and meetings/discussions for any and all Objections submitted for Draft ROD 2 (DN\_2) – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency. Considering SPI's knowledge of the project area, our conduction of timber operations and facilitation of federal timber contracts, and lastly, our vested interest in the Stanislaus National Forest (it being a significant contributor of raw materials that support our infrastructure and our employment of over 300 local individuals,) all lend themselves to our ability to contribute to discussions concerning Objections.

## **Lead Objector Representatives**

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<u>Project</u>: The SERAL Project: Draft Record of Decision #2 (DN\_2) – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency

Responsible Official: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor

## Aspects of the Proposed Project Addressed by Objection:

Sierra Pacific Industries does not identify any aspect of this draft ROD as violating law, regulation, or policy. As stated previously in this correspondence, Sierra Pacific Industries made clear in the January 20<sup>th</sup> comment letter addressing the DEIS our support for Alternative 1, as well as modifications we believed necessary to ensure the efficacy of this momentous project. These modifications address issues including, but not limited to:

- DBH limits
- CWE Analysis and Salvage Response Time
- Salvage and Hazard Tree Abatement

Because we addressed these in our initial DEIS comment, we believe that our intentions are clear for what aspects would improve the SERAL project and ROD 2 – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency, and that our input would be valuable in any and all Objection discussions.

If there are any issues or additional information needed to pertaining to our request, please contact us immediately.

Sincerely,

Hannah Grabowski

Sierra Pacific Industries – Sonora Division

**Procurement Forester**