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Thanks Heather. The only thing that I would add is that I am confident that I can rally the support of various conservation organizations, which in turn could help stave off an appeal by Conservation Congress. As part of this, I think it would be possible to get support from these groups for inclusion of commercial harvesting of small-diameter merchantable logs as part of the project. I would encourage the Forest Service to keep this option open during the NEPA process, perhaps as one of the action alternatives, while we explore the extent to which broad support can be raised for this project component. Recent success in the Ashland watershed involving Lomakatsi serves as a good example of acceptance by conservation organizations of the inclusion of well-designed commercial harvesting as part of a fuels reduction/forest restoration project.

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Hi Tom.

We are still accepting comments. I have forwarded your information along to the IDT leader. If you would like to add any additional information, the formal scoping period is until April 20th. We are always accepting input, but your comments will be most useful if received by April 20th. Thank you!

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Hi Heather,

I realize this is past the deadline, but wanted to just give you some feedback on the proposed project:

1. It appears that Hearst is no longer participating. Bald Mtn Jeep Trail would make a much better fuel break than having to do dozer lines on steep side slopes along their property line. Better for both parties. It would also be good have Haas involved so that you could use existing roads instead of PLs along Willow Creek Ranch as well.

2. Looks like the idea of selling small diameter logs along Squaw Valley Creek Road didn't make it through the internal process. Seems like an opportunity missed.

3. Potential effects to be considered in the analysis should also include fisheries, recreation, and viewshed.

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