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Comments: Mr. Fitzwilliams,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. CDOT recognizes the importance of hazard tree removal. We are currently working with several of your forests on tree removal and expect this may be an ongoing issue in Colorado.

CDOT would like you to consider the following issues during the development of this Environmental Assessment:

- Traffic control will be important where trucks enter and exit the road system. Please build road user safety into any proposed alternative and require PSCO to coordinate with our Regional Permits group to obtain any necessary permits.
- Please identify the number, weight and frequency of heavy trucks and determine whether this will impact the structural condition of the roadway.
- There are several locations that intersect or are adjacent to the highway system. If hazard trees are identified in or near roadway right of way then please consider removal as part of this activity.
- Please be sure to look at erosion control adjacent to the State Highway system and restore any areas disturbed by this action that are within or adjacent to State ROW.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide scoping comments. We are also happy to coordinate with you or the applicant as the project develops.

Sincerely,

Michael Vanderhoof

Region 3 Planning and Environmental Manager