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On behalf of the John Muir Project and the Center for Biological Diversity, I am submitting these scoping comments on the proposed Rocks Restoration Project proposed in the Chips and Storrie fire areas:

1. An EIS must be prepared due to significant cumulative effects to rare and declining woodpecker, owl, and shrub-nesting and mammal species from recent postfire logging and tree planting projects in these fire areas, including the Poker Chip and Chip-Munk projects, as well as a more recent planting CE.

2. The Forest Service is violating NEPA by improperly segmenting a much larger postfire management project into multiple smaller projects, and thus attempting to avoid a significance finding and an EIS.

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