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Comments: We'd like to reiterate earlier comments on the importance of addressing the needs of small-scale timber operators in the project area.

Small-scale timber operators are a relatively new component of our local economy and a potential area for economic growth and diversification. The USFS has an obligation to supply timber to industry, but has never adequately provided saw-timber for the small mill operators in Petersburg and the surrounding area.

In reviewing the draft activity cards, more detail should be included in how the agency plans to address this specific need. Based on information gathered from prior meetings and comments, the agency should add this segment of the industry to its activity cards. Rather than only listing "conventional" or "helicopter" as sale options, the agency should include small-mill operator or similar language to demonstrate clear intent to provide commercial timber to this sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.