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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to review the PNW Region Aquatic Restoration Project Environmental Assessment. The Skagit Watershed Council's mission is to understand, protect and restore habitat for sustainable fisheries. This mission overlaps with the Forest Service's mission on the landscape. To that end, we concur wholeheartedly that, as stated in the EA, there is a "need to accelerate the pace and scale of aquatic restoration in the PNW to address legacy impacts to aquatic and riparian habitat." We believe this EA provides that framework and are supportive of the document as written. Nearly all of the 13 proposed actions (page 8-10) align directly with the priority objectives SWC's members implement in the field to improve fisheries and water quality/quantity. Having the USFS increasing the pace and scale of their work in the upper reaches of our watersheds will complement very well the work that this and other watershed councils are doing across the PNW. We only wish that your focus watersheds and priority subwatersheds overlapped with more of our critical habitat for ESA-listed salmon, particularly in the Puget Sound Chinook ESU.