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Comments: I support the Regional Aquatic Restoration EA project. The document describes the ecological need for the actions and displays the range of effects of implementing the actions. These actions are needed to maintain or improve long term watershed health.

The category for noncommercial conifer thinning is too narrow. I support the actions as described "to adjust fuel loads for moderate-severity burns to regenerate deciduous trees and shrubs" but there are many acres of riparian acres of National Forest lands in Oregon and Washington which were clearcut after the 1940s and planted with species which are not appropriate for long term health of riparian areas. These areas may not be fire dependent, so limiting non commercial thinning to only areas with moderate severity burn activity plans does not meet aquatic restoration goals. I object to the limits placed on hand thinning of trees in riparian areas.