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Comments: Please modify the Shasta Agness Project

Dear Shasta Agness Objections,

Regarding the Shasta Agness Project, I want to declare my support for the treatment of 1,635 acres of plantations. However, the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP) clearly states that plantations within LSR designations are the priority for management and not older forests that harbor at-risk wildlife. Some oak restoration units that would benefit from logging on southern exposures on poor soils in the Shasta Creek watershed (such as unit 72). However, the units along Oak Flat road are clearly in no need of unit wide thinning. I recommend that you drop unit wide commercial thinning in Oak Restoration units 8, 9, 10, 54, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, and 79. Radial treatment around existing oaks >8" DBH would be appropriate in these units. All treatments within a mile of Humboldt marten and Northern Spotted Owl sightings must be dropped since the treatments would likely harm these animals contrary to NFP directives.

Mature/old growth forests stands such as this one in oak restoration unit 78 is no place for unit wide thinning of trees up to 28"DBH where there are no oaks to restore. In fact, in this area no oaks exist on at least 95% of the forested landscape. I want to make sure we are being smart about how we approach our local timber economy and our critical restoration work.

Thank you for incorporating my concerns into your project planning effort.

Sincerely,

Ms Sarah Hale