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Comments: Dear Supervisor Birkey and August Phase 1 Planning Team,

I cherish the Wild and Scenic South Fork Trinity River and I value post-fire forests. The Smoky, Red Mountain, and Prospect Creek tributaries have already begun to recover from the August Complex fire. Natural regeneration is happening throughout this mosaic burn.

However, the thousands of acres of ground based post-fire logging and hundreds of acres of logging in Riparian Reserves and eight miles of "temporary" roads and opening two miles of decommissioned roads will destroy the natural recovery of the area. All this man-made additional destruction will ruin the water quality, the soil, disrupt the regeneration, kill more wildlife and salmon, and other aquatic life. And the area will look like Hell. The environmental assessment offers no real data supporting its false claims that this project would be "insignificant". For decades scientific research explicitly shows that logging in fire-damaged forests is ecologically the worst thing you can do for every aspect of the environment, and likely increase future risk of fire in these watersheds.

Please, protect the recovery of struggling salmon and wildlife populations, water quality, habitat connectivity and visual quality in the already impaired South Fork Trinity River.

I insist you block this wrong-headed logging project and focus on public safety. Focusing solely on imminent hazard trees (that are completely dead), and only around recreation sites and on major roads, not the entire 922 acres of roadside logging, as proposed in Alternative 2, is our best option for a healthy and safe watershed.