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Comments: The proposed project runs directly to the river's edge in some places and throughout multiple stream systems, project implementation would negatively impact the National Wild & Discourse South Fork Trinity River. The river is designated as "wild" because of its outstanding fisheries, and it is legendary for its Chinook salmon and steelhead trout fishing. Both of these species are Threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, and in June 2021, the spring Chinook was listed as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. Logging fire-affected forests is well known to cause sedimentation, which directly harms juvenile salmon, and diminishes their aquatic habitat.

Burned forests are important for wildlife. Snag forests rival green forests in biodiversity. Snags, especially the largest trees, will stand and store carbon for decades, contribute valuable soil nutrients, provide shade and important habitat for many species, including northern spotted owls, woodpeckers, bats and small mammals.