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

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

Intensive working of these area would harm water quality, soil, regeneration, wildlife, salmon, and other aquatic life. Additionally, the visual quality in these watersheds would be greatly impaired by these invasive projects. The last thing this area needs is more sediment washing into the streams, thus affecting the water quality, that is what mile of even temporary logging roads will do. For decades scientific research explicitly shows that logging in fire-affected forests is ecologically the worst thing you can do for every aspect of the environment, and would likely increase future risk of fire in these watersheds.

Please protect and work towards the recovery of struggling salmon and wildlife populations, water quality, habitat connectivity and visual quality in the already impaired South Fork Trinity River. Rather I suggest you 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 and environment.

Sincerely,

Marsha Lowry