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Comments: Greetings,

As a young person, I ask you to please prioritize forest protection. Economic and environmental health go hand in hand, and it's crucial to conserve forests for the sake of mitigating and reversing climate change. They are critical carbon sinks.

I am very troubled that in addition to the 4,000+ acres of mostly tractor logging, the project proposes nearly 1,000 acres of stream side logging, 6 miles of "temporary" roads and the opening of 2 miles of decommissioned roads. South Fork Trinity is already listed as sediment impaired under the Clean Water Act. Additional sedimentation would further harm struggling salmon and steelhead populations and water quality.

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 & Scenic 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.

Please do not allow this logging to occur.

Thanks very much.

Rebecca Canright