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

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on planning for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. I also appreciate the magnitude of the challenge you face in helping the Forest and its surrounding communities recover from the disastrous fire season of 2020.

I have camped, rafted, and backpacked in the watershed of the Wild and Scenic South Fork Trinity River (as well as many other parts of the Shasta-T). I believe that in considering how land managers should approach post-fire recovery in this area, the Hippocratic Oath applies well: "First, do no harm." Though post-fire forests may not look very attractive, it's vital to allow large snags to remain (provided they don't pose significant risk to people), and to avoid additional road building/reopening (even of a temporary nature), and avoid logging operations that will prolong the recovery rather than assist natural recovery processes.

Riparian Reserves and Wild and Scenic river corridors, particularly, are areas that should remain off-limits to post-fire logging operations except those needed to maintain public safety.

Sincerely,

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