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Comments: Dear,

I deeply value the Wild and Scenic South Fork Trinity River watersheds and the many ecological contributions of burned forests. Snag forests provide important complex habitat for many species, will continue to store carbon for decades, and contribute valuable soil nutrients. Please consider an alternative that focuses on imminent hazard trees on main roads and infrastructure and avoid all of the well-documented negative affects of post-fire logging.

Allowing heavy equipment on over 3,500 acres in these already impaired watersheds would harm sensitive soil, water quality, wildlife, and natural regeneration. Logging after a fire is contrary to restoration. Natural regeneration and recovery is part of the evolution and cycle of fire-dependent forests.

The wildlife and water quality of these wild places deserve protection. I don't want to see my hard earned taxpayer dollars paying for a massive project that causes ecological harm and profits timber corporations. The public would best be served by focusing the August Phase 1 project on imminent hazard trees only. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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