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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project, in Six Rivers National Forest, Mad River District.

I have no objections to what is proposed to be cleared, I do however have an objection to what is NOT being considered.

In studying the map of the proposed project it appears that there is no provision for taking the fire-killed or damaged trees that pose a threat to public health, safety and property along the Ruth-Zenia Road. This is a main traveled road that runs through the United States Forest Service land. The Ruth-Zenia Road was heavily impacted by the August Complex throughout its entire length, yet there appears that there is no consideration for hazard tree removal on this road at all.

Those of us who travel this road regularly are starting to notice limbs and debris on the road from the fire-killed and damaged trees. It will not be long until there are trees falling on the roadway from USFS managed property. I consider that a higher risk to public health, safety and property than some of the areas marked in the proposal being considered.

I would encourage you to use the emergency exemptions available, including water exclusion and timber harvest. I suggest you contact and allow the county to use the exemptions afforded local government through the state to mitigate county roadside hazard tree removal without any further delay.