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Comments: The SERAL project is especially ambitious, but critically necessary to re-establish forest health and resiliency. I commend the Stanislaus NF and all its collaborators, funders, and public supporters for the development of this comprehensive project. I attended the virtual meeting on January 5, 2022 and was impressed with the quality of the presentation and the specialists' ready access to complete answers to questions asked by attendees.

The DEIS is well-written, especially explanatory and educational, enabling the reader to understand the factors that went into analyzing and developing the array of concepts and proposals. The considerable amount of analysis that was conducted for the spotted owl issues is impressive. Given the exposure the owl has received as an indicator species for overall forest health, it is somewhat of a superstar species, one that people naturally focus on. Thus, my concerns about impacts to the spotted owl were addressed in the document.

I have some rather broad objections to the use of herbicides, although I recognize their use must be considered and will likely persist for some years as it is nigh on impossible to achieve elimination of invasive species over broad swaths of landscape without some application. I do however, specifically object to the use of Glyphosate in any amount, regardless of EPA safety standards. Generally, the herbicides proposed have been evaluated against human health standards. The National Forest landscape is home to many species not human. I understand that MCL's for all residents of the forest have not been conducted. In the absence of EPA analysis, application levels of the six herbicides proposed that have not been evaluated for Maximum Contaminant Levels should be used in the smallest concentrations possible to achieve the result.

I support Alternative 1. Alternative 1 proposes to treat the most acres, thereby potentially having the greatest impact, should all proposal pieces be accomplished.

This is a complex proposal. Development of contracts and work plans requires cross referencing and abiding by many laws and conditions across various jurisdictions. Therefore, all contracts and field work should have site administrators who will ensure proper execution of the work during implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critically important project. I commend everyone for the extraordinary effort getting to the DEIS has required.

Sincerely,

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