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Dear Frank Aebly,

I am writing as a Family Physician with decades of service in rural Northern Mendocino County; I earned my BS at UC Berkeley in Conservation of Natural Resources, graduating in 1975. I am opposed to the use of pesticides and herbicides, the planting of non-native species, and soil disturbance in the Mendocino National Forest's North Shore project.

Since the last open comment period for the North Shore project, the Mendocino National Forest continues to push for broad post-fire logging across hundreds and thousands of acres throughout multiple watersheds. The intense soil disturbance from heavy machinery on these sensitive soils would only increase the spread of invasive plant species across the forest. Please do not worsen this threat to native ecosystems and consider the cumulative impacts.

I am increasingly concerned about the health of our public lands and strongly opposed the use of herbicides. They are harmful to people, plants, insects, animals and soil. Controlling invasive species can be accomplished through safe and effective non-toxic alternatives.

I support Alternative 4 and the reduced logging of Alternative 5.

Sincerely,

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