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Comments: I understand that you, the Forest Service, are required to thread your way through warring opinions about how to reopen the forest and that involves many complex elements to consider. Thank you for committing to do a full environmental analysis of the road system and the treatment for the roadside trees.

We need a policy based on science and circumstances, one that is focused on ecological health including the impacts on salmon and drinking water.

Reducing the open road network should be a priority. For many reasons the road system is oversized and stretches your ability to maintain it. Please take this opportunity to close or decommission underused roads wherever possible.

For hazard tree removal, I hope that you will utilize site specific data for tree heights. Those site specific circumstances need to be discussed in the analysis with Project Design Criteria.

Please err on the side of protection, especially within the river corridors. These Wild and Scenic Rivers are a treasure and provide irreplaceable habitat, even in their burned state. A full analysis of current and proposed impacts to wildlife and available habitat must be completed before this project is approved, and their findings taken into account for every decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.