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Comments: Hello-- I really appreciate the Forest Service undertaking a rethink of forest management in the aftermath of the fires, and the need to address climate change and its future effects on the forest. I realize the Forest Service is operating under many constraints, so will limit my comments to one idea: please be smart about thinning for safety. I saw what happened along Highway 20, when the thinning made everything worse. These road don't need to have wide swaths cut on either side for safety. Also, a few years in the future when the now-burned tree roots decay, there are going to be a lot of slides and earth movements that will affect the roads, and too much tree removal now will make that future situation worse and more costly to repair. That's it! Thanks for listening and best wishes, Mike O'Brien