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Comments: Madame/Sir: In the wake of the immense damage inflicted by wildfires of recent years, public agencies charged with remediation certainly have an obligation to prioritize public safety issues to a reasonable degree in their overall efforts. However, successfully executing the work with this priority does not require that the entire network of affected roadways be treated as a block and that all remain closed to public use until remediation work is complete on the entire area. Fundamental project planning practices should enable a phased remediation approach that allows portions of the roadways to reopen safely even as work continues on other sections.

I urge you to recalibrate your project plan in a way that better serves the competing public interests for both safety and access. Please begin to reopen portion of the Star Highway 224 corridor now.