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Comments: My comments concern scientific forest management and thus apply to all three zones under analysis: North Zone, Central Sierra Zone, and Southern Sierra Zone.

It is unacceptable to go forward with this destructive project without a much more detailed environmental assessment. Our small planet cannot afford further destruction to our carbon-storing forests and the exacerbation of the human-caused climate crisis, as the current proposal would cause. We don't want further harm to our endangered salmon and the other creatures whose habitat the Forest Service proposes to disrupt with this plan.

This program should be rigorously limited to the smallest possible number of actual high-use roads. ALL other roads should be allowed to return to nature.

We know that building or improving roads is directly associated with human-caused wildfires. Additionally, roads deeply disturb the natural forest ecosystem, and they cause sedimentation that damages watersheds, including, in this plan, 30 municipal watersheds.

We know how valuable biodiversity is to our small planet's resiliency, and this project would threaten the many birds and animals whose native habitat is undisturbed forest, including large trees and the essential fallen, decaying trees. It would be a tragic error to expand human intervention and, especially, to permit commercial logging in the forests human intervention has endangered. The total prevention of fire, established as a government policy in order to ensure profits for commercial logging, has been proven to have been a terribly costly error. It is the cause of the out-of-control wildfires we are suffering increasingly. Indigenous people understood the benefits of limited natural fires and small managed fires, to reduce the understory that feeds wildfires.

It is horrifying that the Forest Service is contemplating the building of additional roads or repairing little-used and unnecessary roads in our forests that need to be allowed to recover naturally so they can provide optimum carbon sequestration. They must NOT be condemned to further destructive human intervention. Please adjust this plan to allow our forests to recover, instead of milking them for profits for the road-builders and timber extraction corporations. Road-building and timber-cutting will only further damage our forests and hinder their recovery, which our planet and all its inhabitants urgently need. The Forest Service works for the taxpayers, the U.S. public, not for-profit corporations.