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Comments: These comments should be understood to include all zones in the plan, (North Zone, Central Sierra Zone, or Southern Sierra Zone). It amazes me to find out that a rigorous Environmental Impact assessment has not been undertaken. The scale of the proposed logging is enormous. The project includes 5,780 miles of roads and trails. To put that into perspective, that is enough distance to go from Los Angeles to New York City! In the North Zone, the Forest Service is proposing to log up to 600 foot swathes across 2,708 miles of roads and 341 trails, equaling nearly 200,000 acres. Uncounted and undisclosed by the Forest Service are the number of landings necessary to pile the logs before they are hauled out of the forest. These are not dead forests. In many cases, the Forest Service would be logging forests affected by fire but still very much alive, with only a 60% chance of succumbing to fire wounds in the immediate future.

The agency should focus efforts on high-use roads and other roads that serve a critical purpose, coupled with a review of the existing road network to see which roads were no longer necessary.

The project treatment areas contain multiple Tier 1 key watersheds and Critical Habitat for threatened and endangered salmon. It will potentially impact more than 239 sub-watersheds with increased sediment pollution, including 30 municipal watersheds.

The project will impact nearly every northern spotted owl Critical Habitat Unit in Northern California and also would allow commercial logging within Late Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves.

The project area is too big and impactful for solely an Environmental Assessment (EA). The agency must conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) before continuing forward.

In short this is a massive heist of Public lands for private profit and should be examined rigorously for ethical and environmental considerations.