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Comments: I strongly oppose the Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project #60950, in the North Zone region, in particular the Six Rivers, Klamath and Shasta-Trinity National Forests.

    Salvage logging is bad for both ecology and economics. It is a lose-lose situation every time, and our tax dollars should not go to support such destructive and ineffective work.

    There is no need for salvage logging along remote backroads! It is such a waste of precious resources to devote the Forest Service time and energy to logging along remote backroads. I live within the footprint of the Abney/Miller Complex Fire that burned in 2017 on both the Rogue-River Siskiyou and Klamath National Forests, and there was no salvage logging in units or along roads on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest side of the fire, and there are NO issues at all with the roads or forests following the fire. The agency pushes this salvage logging when there really isn't a need for it. It's just a hand out to the timber industry and a public subsidy to mills at the expense of our climate and the carbon storage in our large, even burned trees.

    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.