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Comments: It isn't possible for me to know all that I need to know to comment on an EIS in the way we are instructed to comment.

However, those documents do not consider that many people love the natural world. We want to educate about the complexities of ecosystems, down to the finest symbiotic relationships evolved over eons.

I do not know what you plan to do, but beg you to leave everything possible in these zones. Don't rake them over with heavy equipment or chemicals. Don't allow timber companies to trample through 'salvaging'. Take down trees that will fall on roads, but not trails. Leave what you have to cut and the debris to feed the soil and provide for living creatures.

What I want to see is not what usually happens. We grieve the fire. Then we grieve the sterilization that follows. There are many scientists who are waking up to allowing natural processes when possible. I do hope that some of these people are in decision making positions.

Thank you. MJD