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Comments: I understand and acknowledge the objectives of this project, and I agree that executing/completing a project of this nature (or something similar) is required in order to try and improve on and/or restore resiliency of the forest and the landscape's ability to persist with fire as a natural process. However, in saying this, I need to indicate that I am less supportive of the use of some of the processes being proposed as a part of SERAL 2.0 as compared to other processes being proposed. Specifically, while I strongly support the use of hand thinning, mastication, mechanical thinning, non-native invasive weed control and limited salvage operations to achieve the project's objectives, I do not support the use of prescribed burns and managed fires near inhabited areas in order to achieve the project's objectives! There are two reasons for this, (1) prescribed burns and managed fires have already been contributing to a considerable amount of air pollution and degradation of air quality in and around such inhabited areas, and (2) I have a grave concern about the forestry service's ability to successfully manage and contain these burns/fires when they are started near inhabited areas. In fact, I think it is just a matter of time before one of these burns/fires gets out of control and causes exactly the type of wildfire the project is attempting to avoid, i.e. a fire that leads to a substantial loss of property and/or a loss of human life.