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Comments: Your proposed "thinning" of 2541 acres for "fuels reduction", aka continued excuse to log, has many issues. To open up the forest canopy would allow for more sunlight and wind to penetrate the forest, making it more susceptible to fires during fire weather events. It would also introduce more invasive species, which could heighten the potential for dying, much the same as other "fine fuels" that are a consequence of logging, that would necessitate continuous "treatment" in order to diminish fire potential. It should be noted, that the forests involved in the Camp fire had received "treatment" prior to that fire event, and yet, it did nothing to deter the outcome.

I am opposed to your proposal to log 109 acres of inventoried roadless area, 135 acres of streambed zones and 12 acres of old growth-the later, being the "cash cow" for loggers, for the simple reason that this forest ecosystem is critical to the survival of myriad species, that are also dependent upon dead trees, aka, "snag forests", which are apart of the complex ecosystem needed to support those species.

The carbon sequestration, soil retention and wildlife cover are absolutely vital for all living creatures, including humanity during this period in Earth's history. Please prepare an EA, if not an EIS, under normal procedures, so that the public can read and comment on the environmental findings. This practice of using Categorical Exclusion and your efforts to limit public participation are not appreciated. It is high time we concern ourselves with the ecological health of our country and its forests, over short term objectives, whose negative externalities will have consequences that will last for decades or longer.