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Comments: First and foremost thank you to all involved for your efforts in restoring the Caldor burn area. I would like to suggest a few targets that would benefit forest health in this region moving forward. I did not see these items in the proposed documents and I apologize if this is redundant. However, I have surveyed the area post burn and these are key components that I think need to be highlighted.

1) I would encourage you to add Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) to the targeted removal species list. It has become rampant in the burned area, especially near the more residential areas.

2) Zero native oak species should be removed or disturbed during fuels reduction work. The number of oaks is surprisingly low and recovery from root crowns is also poor due to the high intensity of wildfire during this incident. The roots are extremely sensitive and it should be explicit to contractors and recovery personnel that they should not drive any heavy equipment near these native oaks. Avoidance of heavy application of herbicide near these trees would also aid in recovery.

3) Riparian areas have extremely low water levels, as well as, sediment build up from erosion. It would be ideal to mimic natural with Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) or Post-Assisted Log Structures (PALS) in ideal locations. Allowing for slower flow and sediment drop in areas of need.

4) Lastly, I would encourage an emphasis on broader understory and mid-story native species planting especially after prescribed burning. The FS tends to over emphasize the planting of pine. Native pines are wonderful but relatively abundant. A severe lack of browse for wildlife has been an issue across the Sierra Nevada. There are numerous species that could be planted to encourage wildlife to return to the area. Fighting against invasive and even mid-story dominant species like buckthorn will never be possible if we don't properly develop and succession strategy and plant when we remove these targeted intruders.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and efforts towards this restoration.