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Comments: I am concerned about the proposed South Fork Mountain Vegetation Management Project - it bypasses required reviews and has inaccurate analysis. It does NOT use the best wildfire reduction strategies and approaches, and instead prioritizes timber extraction.

South Fork Mountain is a very special place - for water quality, plants and trees, wildlife, and recreation. It is a vital connector for wildlife between nearby Wilderness areas.

It is also a very landslide-prone area, and the proposed logging on steep slopes, new roads, huge number of new landings are not appropriate for landslide-prone areas - they will reduce water quality, negatively impact rare plants and wildlife, and reduce the recreational value of this area.

I have hiked and camped in this area for many years, and want changes in the proposed project. Ladder-fuel work, brush clearing near homes, and shaded fuel breaks are much better approaches to reduce wildfire risk. The proposal is basically a timber sale being proposed under emergency authority.

A full EIS is needed. Mechanized logging should not be allowed on slopes up to 50%. New log landings should be no more than 50, and should not be in owl habitat, on slopes over 35%, or within 300 feet of any stream. Please use the Trinity County Collaborative's community-supported approach.