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Comments: Dear Acting Forest Supervisor-

I am writing in strong opposition to the North trinity Count Community Risk reduction project 3 66894.

This logging project would do irreparable damage to the fragile ecosystem of the proposed corridor. The biodiversity cannot endure such exploitation, and once it's gone, it's gone.

The Norther Spotted owl is in deep trouble and Federally listed, and this is a documented habitat for that species. With the intrusion of the Barred owl, the Spotted is struggling to maintain territories and breed and critically depends on the larger growth timber habitats to exist. It is well documented that the Spotted cannot adjust to fragmented habitat, especially with disrupted ecosystems. This project is in direct conflict with the successful perpetuation of the Spotted Owl.

A entire cascade of wildlife and plant diversity depends on the welfare of the forest habitat, and cannot endure yet another exploitation.

Although the project claims to reduce fire risk it is now common knowledge that logging actually magnifies the danger. Removing timber allows for higher wind penetration, drying out the ecosystem and weakening the natural resiliency of a healthy forest. The damage to the understory further weakens the remaining canopy, destroys the established plant and animal communities, and invites flashy fuel intrusion. The roads cause terrible destruction of existing biomes, and invites escalated erosion.

A perfect example of the failure of "forest treatment" or logging is the fire event at Paradise Ca. That forest was a "managed" forest; it had been logged yet there was not reduction of fire risk at all, in fact it was worse.

I am a fisherman and have valued that area of Trinity all my life. My parents knew Ed Scott, went to his ranch and I did as well as a young child. This very area is personal for me, a valued section of accessible "wild" that I have visited year after year after year. The area is a gem for naturalists and sportsmen and there should be no piece-meal logging .

This project threatens the water systems that are so iconic for Trinity, and serve as a base for the biodiversity there. This project will not enhance habitats. Logging and preservation are directly opposed.

Finally, this is not a fiscally responsible project. Fuel costs alone would make it unrealistic. Add to it the ridiculous damage to the habitats and potential "problems" beyond that and the costs far outweigh any possible short term unsustainable benefits. It is clear that it is an attempt to fulfill "the mandate" however it is an impractical target.

I recognize you are under enormous pressure, however we are at a tipping point. Please , at the very very least, delay. I firmly believe this location should be off the table entirely.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

Jenny Papka