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Comments: Thank you for allowing public comment on this proposed action. In general, I support the proposed activities. However, I did not notice anything in the plan regarding invasive plant management or seeding/planting of understory species other than PUTR. The current plan, as described, is likely to be insufficient to recover pre-fire understory conditions that will provide sufficient resistance to invasion by exotic annual grasses or resilience to future disturbance. Evidence to support this argument can be seen within the footprints of both the Flat Fire and Geneva Fire perimeters, both of which exhibit extensive cheatgrass invasion. Many areas within those past fire perimeters are now completely dominated by cheatgrass and will be very difficult to treat. Given the intensity of the Akawa Butte Fire, the proximity of cheatgrass to the burned area, and the additional disturbance reforestation and fuels treatments will create I strongly encourage the project team to consider the following additions to your plan:

1. include an explicit invasive plant treatment that includes pre-emergent herbicides (e.g. Imazapic or Rejuvra) with emphasis on exotic annual grasses.
2. include a dedicated understory revegetation plan that includes both broad-scale seeding and establishment of numerous, smaller scale restoration islands using bunchgrass plugs and/or transplants.
3. where possible, purchase site-appropriate grass seed to enhance seeding outcomes.

Thank you again for allowing this comment opportunity, and best of luck with the project.