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Comments: Dear Mr. Myers:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Highway 89 Safety Enhancement and Forest Restoration Project, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, California. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA appreciates the landscape scale analysis provided in the Draft EIS, and supports the best management practices, resource protection measures, and monitoring included in the project design. Based on our review of the Draft EIS, we have rated the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3), as Lack of Objections (LO) (see enclosed "Summary of EPA Rating Definitions").

Thank you for the opportunity to review this DEIS. When the Final EIS is released, please send one hard copy and one CD to the address above (mail code: ENF-4-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or have your staff contact James Munson, the lead reviewer for this project.

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Sincerely,

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