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Comments: Dear John,

I am writing on behalf of Sierra Pacific Industries - Burney Division in response to the letter we received regarding the "Harlan Project" dated March 9, 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the "Harlan Project".

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) operates nearby forest products manufacturing facilities in Burney, Anderson, and Shasta Lake. These facilities are an important part of the local economy and provide family wage jobs for their employees and they rely on forest products generated from forest management activities that occur within the project area.

We Support the Purpose and Need for Action:

1. Enhancing wildfire protections and safe public access to the local communities.
2. Restoring beneficial fire effects to create healthy forests that are fire adapted and fire-resistant.
3. Providing a supply of sustainable forest products.
4. Maintaining and improving habitats and ecological diversity to the landscape.

Sierra Pacific Industries supports the purposes and needs of the project and is supportive of the forest's decision to reintroduce fire to the landscape after performing approximately 19,000 acres of land management. The use of prescribed fire, mechanical thinning of natural stands and plantations, juniper reduction, fuels chipping, and the creation of strategic fuel breaks will help maintain a healthy forest and community safety.

One concern that we have as a company is the reintroduction of fire to the landscape. Though we think it is a beneficial management technique, we have seen these types of prescribed burns do damage to the timber the project is trying to protect. Making sure that the stand of timber is properly mechanically thinned is key and having a CE ready to act quickly if the burn does get out of control will be key.

Thank you for considering our comments.

If you have any questions please call me.

Sincerely,

Andrew Fullerton

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