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Comments: I strongly support and applaud all proposals to remove excessive fuels, allow beneficial fire to safely return to the landscape, require defensible space around structures, and restore the health of degraded ecosystems. I also support zoning reforms to prevent further dangerous human development in fire hazard areas. However, I oppose proposals that are actually primarily designed and intended to alter ecosystems to benefit ranchers or commercial logging companies. The goal should always be to manage to maintain or restore the health, productivity, diversity, and climate resilience of natural ecosystems.

In addition, for this and all other federal planning and environmental analysis processes, I believe that it is vitally important to think creatively about how the proposed action, feasible alternatives, design features, best management practices, and/or mitigation measures may be revised or augmented to help solve the deadly serious and rapidly worsening climate and extinction crises.

There is compelling science that these overlapping crises pose an existential threat to humanity and the biosphere. In light of this science, it is clear that simply continuing status quo management and activities is no longer appropriate or sustainable. Bold and innovative solutions are urgently needed. Please review the related attachments for more information.

For example, any uses of harmful fossil fuels should be discouraged in favor of the use of clean, renewable energy sources. Actions that may degrade nature or diminish native species should be discouraged in favor of more effective actions to protect and restore biodiversity. Sustainably sourced materials should be used to discourage unsustainable resource exploitation.

Please strive to include, approve, and implement such solutions as much as possible. Our collective future is at stake.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of my comments and the attachments.