

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/14/2026 7:00:00 AM

First name: Ryan

Last name: Hadley

Organization:

Title:

Comments: See attached comments

May 14, 2026,

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Attn: Traci Zimmerlee, Acting Forest Supervisor

3644 Avtech Parkway

Redding, CA 96002

Subject: Support for North Trinity County Community Risk Reduction Project

Dear Acting Forest Supervisor Zimmerlee,

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the North Trinity County Community Risk Reduction Project.

SPI supports the proposed action and the Forest Service's use of Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) authority and NEPA emergency procedures to expedite implementation. The scale and urgency of wildfire risk in northern Trinity County warrant decisive action.

The project appropriately focuses on reducing hazardous fuels near communities, improving evacuation routes along the State Route 3 corridor, and strengthening overall forest resilience. The cross-boundary design is particularly important given the intermingled ownership pattern in the project area and the

need for coordinated treatment strategies.

SPI supports the Forest Service's use of emergency authorities to begin priority treatments ahead of full NEPA completion. Accelerating work in high-risk areas will improve near-term suppression effectiveness and provide meaningful risk reduction for nearby communities.

SPI maintains an active partnership with the USDA Forest Service through a 10-year Master Stewardship Agreement supporting the Wildfire Crisis Strategy. Through this agreement, SPI contributes to fuel break construction and other landscape-scale fuels reduction efforts across ownerships. The North Trinity project reflects this same cross-boundary approach and demonstrates the type of coordinated implementation needed to address wildfire risk at scale.

SPI encourages the Forest Service to continue advancing this project under emergency authorities, complete the NEPA process efficiently, and prioritize opportunities for stewardship-based delivery.

Thank you for your leadership and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hadley

Log Procurement Manager

Sierra Pacific Industries