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Dear Jeff,

We appreciate receiving the scoping document for the North Zone Juvenile Tree Thinning. This is a substantial amount of work to be classified as "CE."

We agree with the intent of your project; promoting restoration of ponderosa pine, western larch and western white pine.

With a project of this sort, we are concerned about the spread of weeds and opening of roads to vehicular use. Any activity in the forest can spread exotic invasive weeds. We want to know what steps will be taken to prevent their introduction and spread and what monitoring and control will follow to ensure any that did establish are eradicated.

Will any roadways be opened to vehicular travel that are not currently? What steps will be taken to prevent unauthorized travel in a more open forest?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to remaining on the mailing list for this project and having our questions answered.

Sincerely,

Molly O'Reilly
Conservation Committee Chair