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Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this letter to inform you of a Forest Service proposal to conduct roadside hazard tree removal along Maintenance Level 2, 3, 4, and 5 National Forest System (NFS) roads for public health and safety associated with road maintenance of the Forest's transportation system. The ENF Roadside Hazard Tree Project is intended to mitigate hazards from dead, dying, and structurally unsound trees on an ongoing, as needed basis.

The purpose and need, proposed action, and project area description are enclosed for your review and input.

My preliminary assessment is that this project falls within the following category of actions listed in the Forest Service National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Handbook, FSH 1909.15, section 32.12, Category 4: "Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries. 36 CFR 220.6(d)(4)" Projects within this category are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We will evaluate any anticipated environmental effects for extraordinary circumstances [FSH 1909.15-31.2] that would require preparation of an EA or EIS.

If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, or if you have issues regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please send those issues in writing to: Phil Cannon, 1323 Club Dr., Vallejo, CA 94592 or comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado@fs.fed.us. Comments should be received by **March 9, 2018** in order to be most helpful in the analysis.

If you have questions about the proposed project, or would like more information, please contact Phil Cannon, Regional Pathologist, 707-562-8913 or pcannon@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and for your continued interest in the management of National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE CRABTREE
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Enclosure

