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Dear Interested Party,

You are receiving this letter to inform you of a Forest Service proposal to thin pre-commercial sized trees (less than 10 inches) in young plantations and natural stands within the 2004 Power Fire perimeter. The location for the project area is approximately 20 miles east of Pioneer, California, between Hwy 88 and the Mokelumne River.

My preliminary assessment is that the activities in this project fall within the following category of actions listed in the Forest Service National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Handbook, FSH 1909.15, section 32:

- Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities that do not include the use of herbicides or require more than 1 mile of low standard road construction. (36 CFR 220.6 (e)(6))

Projects within these categories are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Our preliminary evaluation of anticipated environmental effects indicate there are no extraordinary circumstances [FSH 1909.15-31.2)] that would require preparation of an EA or EIS for some of the proposed activities.

The purpose and need, proposed action, and map of the project area may be found online at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55771>

If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, or you feel you have issues regarding potential effects of the proposed action, please send those issues in writing to: Rick Hopson, Amador Ranger District, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, CA 95666, (209) 295-5900 or via email to [comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado-amador@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-eldorado-amador@fs.fed.us). To be most helpful in the analysis, scoping comments should be received by June 28, 2019.

If you have questions about the proposed project, would like more information or hard copies of the documents and maps, please contact Marc Young, at the Amador Ranger District, via phone at 209-295-5955, or via email at [mdyoung@fs.fed.us](mailto:mdyoung@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,

/s/ Richard G Hopson  
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District Ranger



