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Joshua Wilson Environmental Coordinator Shasta-Trinity National Forest 3644 Avtech Parkway Redding, CA 96002

Subject: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Salt Timber Harvest and Fuel Hazard Reduction Project, Trinity County, California, (CEQ# 20110046).

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the above-referenced project. Our review and comments are pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA previously provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on May 6, 2009 and the Final Environmental Impact Statement on December 17, 2009. EPA has no comments related to the project changes evaluated in the SDEIS. We have, therefore, rated the SDEIS as LO, Lack of Objections (See enclosed "Summary of EPA Rating System").

We appreciate the opportunity to review this SDEIS. When the SFEIS is released for public review, please send one hard copy and one CD ROM to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact James Munson, the lead reviewer for this project. James can be reached at (415) 972-3800 or munson.james@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager Environmental Review Office

Enclosure: Summary of EPA Rating System