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Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Greys Mountain Ecological Restoration,
            Sierra National Forest, Madera County, CA (CEQ# 20110421)

Dear Mr. Armentrout:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) 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.

We have rated the Draft EIS as Lack of Objections (LO) (see enclosed "*Summary of Rating
Definitions*"). We recognize the long-term benefits of decreasing wildfire risk, and we support the
inclusion of the resource protection measures and best management practices described in the Draft EIS.
EPA would also like to commend the Forest Service for providing information related to climate change
trends in the Sierra Nevada, including information regarding declining snowpack and large and severe
wildfires. We encourage such discussion in NEPA documents because it contributes to improved federal
planning and public understanding of the effects of climate change on forest ecosystems and forest
management.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Draft EIS. When the Final EIS is released for public
review, please send one hard copy and one CD to the address above (mail code: CED-2). Should you
have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact Stephanie
Skophammer, the lead reviewer for the project. Stephanie can be reached at (415) 972-3098 or
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Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure: Summary of EPA Rating Definitions