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Trinity County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Grass Valley Creek Mainline Thin Environmental Assessment Comments

Dear Trinity County Board of Supervisors:

The Grass Valley Creek Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee) of the Trinity County Collaborative Group has been working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the Grass Valley Creek Mainline Thin Project (GVC Project) since February of this 2014. The collaboration has included a field site visit; reviewing the Environmental Assessment and its alternatives; and collaboratively discussing and developing the following recommendations for *Alternative 1: Grass Valley Creek Sub-Committee*.

This project was reviewed by a sub-committee with periodic updates to the full collaborative, but because of the schedule for the project, there wasn't time to have the full collaborative vote on the project.

The Sub-Committee chose to collaborate on the GVC project because it supports the Trinity Collaborative's goal to "*promote practices and projects that contribute to public safety and fire resilience.*" According to BLM the GVC project prescriptions which include, "*Forest thinning, removing cut vegetation, and conducting low to moderate intensity prescribed fire would effectively reduce existing hazardous fuel loads, promote forest succession, and improve the overall quality and health of the remaining forest.*" (pg. 3).

The Sub-Committee requests the Trinity County Board of Supervisors demonstrate their support for the Bureau of Land Management Grass Valleyu Creek mainline Thin Project; *GVC Project Alternative 1: Grass Valley Creek Sub-Committee*.

Sincerely,

Members of the Grass Valley Creek Sub-Committee of the Trinity County Collaborative Group