

Appendix G: Alternative Sent by the Karuk Tribe

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SUBJECT: Westside Fire Recovery

Ayukii Mrs. Grantham:

We are submitting this Karuk Alternative to the Westside Recovery Project as per our discussion at the Government to Government Consultation meeting on February 19, 2015.

This alternative reflects the Karuk Tribe’s management vision of restoring fire to its rightful place on the landscape where it will serve to protect river communities and cultural resources. Tribal staff in several disciplines, including cultural practitioners, fire and fuels, watershed restoration, water quality, fisheries, and GIS were involved in this work. We do not agree with the assertion that salvage harvest as proposed in the existing alternatives of the Westside Recovery project is in the best interest of our communities for safety reasons or otherwise. We support salvage harvest along strategic ridges, and adjacent to communities with the idea fire-fighter safety in mind, particularly in order to implement underburn treatments and to protect

communities in managed fire scenarios. This alternative allows for roadside hazard treatments along class 3, 4 and 5 roads that are well-traveled and serve as important access/egress routes, and those class 1 and 2 roads that are needed for strategic fuels reduction projects to be used in the reintroduction of fire on the landscape. You may notice that there are no site prep and plant units displayed on these maps. This is consistent with the comments we provided during scoping asserting that wide-scale planting of conifer species is unwarranted and contrary to our management vision. Additionally we added several fuels units to this alternative. Some of these are linear treatments for the protection of private property, some are additional ridge top treatments for the reintroduction of landscape-scale fire, and others are large underburn treatment units to allow for managing wildfire for resource benefits where it poses little threat to communities.

We officially request that this Karuk Alternative be included in the draft EIS of the Westside Recovery Project. We feel the community should have the opportunity to review and comment on an alternative that reflects Karuk Tribal values. Earl Crosby has been designated by Tribal Council to be the initial point of contact for this project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this alternative in further detail, please contact him at 530-469-3454 or ecrosby@karuk.us to continue Government to Government Consultation. We fully expect that the consultation that was initiated on February 19, 2015 will continue through the life of this project.

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