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I'm concerned about what happens if nobody buys the sales that the Forest Service puts up at the end of July. Will all that timber just sit in the forest rotting? Or does the Forest Service have some kind of contingency plan that will make it possible to move all that fuel out of the forest? Because that is what we, the citizens of El Dorado County want. Fuel out of the forest.

They say that the sales will be put up at fair market value. I am wondering why they suddenly want to make money off this sale. For at least the past ten years they have cut less than 20% of the sustainable yield, so I hope that a sudden profit motive doesn't get in the way of better forest management. Because that is what we, the citizens of El Dorado County want. Better forest management.

The alternative chosen from the EIS should be treated like a contract between our government and the citizens of El Dorado County. Not the entire country, but El Dorado County because

- the people in York, Maine didn't have to watch those giant pyrocumulus clouds billowing up over their mountains; the people of Placerville, CA did
- the kids in Tallahassee, Florida didn't miss three days of school; the kids in Pollock Pines did
- the people in Rochester, NY aren't having their home owners insurance non-renewed or cancelled because of fire danger; the people of El Dorado County are
- the workers in Little Rock, AK aren't losing their livelihoods because the Forest Service isn't cutting much timber; the people in the Sierra Nevada are
- the people in Providence, RI don't have to breathe the smoke from the next CA wildfire; the people of Lake Tahoe will

For all these reasons, the Forest Service needs to put those sales up at a price that will guarantee they sell and the fuel leaves our forest; or the Forest Service needs to be prepared to self-fund whatever creative contingency plan they come up with to get that fuel out of the forest. It's a contract with the citizens of El Dorado County.

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