

Issues Raised in Response to Proposal

Natural Resource Impacts During and After Tree Removal

1. Plants
2. Animals
3. Soil (compaction / erosion)
4. Water (sediment in streams)

Aesthetic Impacts During and After Tree Removal

1. Noise (from chainsaws during removal, from roads long-term)
2. Viewshed
3. Privacy / screening
4. Loss of shade
5. Loss of fog capture
6. Increase in wind

Threats Associated with Trees

1. Wildland fire hazard
2. Falling debris or limbs
3. Emergency access / egress
4. Loss of homes (personal loss, and loss of property tax revenue to local government)

Costs to Property Owners

1. Property values
2. Insurance coverage

Tree Removal Options Should be Considered

1. Leave as is
2. Partial stand removal
3. Removal in phases (re-growth in stages)
4. Full stand removal
5. Stand thinning (select by size for removal)
6. Reduce understory
7. Retain buffer to address viewshed, noise, fog capture, and wind

Revegetation Options Should be Considered

1. Limited information on historic condition -- What is "native"?
2. Why not plant redwood trees?
3. If oak woodland, what about Sudden Oak Death?
4. Age of plants -- why not reintroduce more mature plants, especially trees?

Long Term Vision

1. What vegetation community is the goal and why?
2. How will the fire hazard change?
3. How long will it take to revegetate?
4. Will NPS guarantee plant establishment and long-term maintenance?
5. Tam Fire Site example is not favorable (not enough investment)