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### **Comments on Status Review of Giant Sequoia National Monument**

Dear Chairman Scrivner and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Giant Sequoia National Monument

The Giant Sequoia National monument protects the southern-most groves of giant sequoias, the largest living thing on earth, as well as the headwaters of the Tule River, South Fork Kings River, and North Fork Kern River, which contain popular wild trout fisheries and are vital sources of water supply for famous downstream fisheries. The National Monument protects clean flowing headwater streams such as Tyler Creek, Bear Creek, Boulder Creek and Mill Flat Creek. We strongly believe that the designated area is the minimum size necessary to protect the unique scientific, habitat, and recreational values of this remarkable landscape.

A significant increase in timber harvest as a result of reducing the Monument size would likely increase sediment deposition into streams, degrading good habitat and reducing water quality to downstream communities. Therefore we strongly oppose reducing the size of the Monument and ask you not to seek such a change.

Sincerely,

  
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