

## EXHIBIT 2

These photos show a timber harvest that does not align with the objectives of creating a more fire-resistant structure as stated in the objective of the project and the ROD. Removing large trees and retaining small ones increases susceptibility of the forest to fire. Larger diameter ponderosa develops thick bark and drop lower limbs that increase fire resistance. Small trees, like the one in the top of these two photos, do not have those characteristics and are more likely to carry a fire. Lower limbs are “ladder fuels” and thinner bark means the trees burn more easily and rapidly. The top photo shows large trees taken out but leaving the smaller diameter trees. The execution of contract, in this case, is opposite from what was stated in the analysis and decision documents. The subsequent photo shows a yard full of large and medium diameter trees. The log piles depicted are dominated by large trees and there are precious few small trees.

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