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Move that the Proposed Action and Alternative One for the Salt Flat Bridge replacement be modified to include a turnaround for emergency response vehicles on the Salt Flat side of the river. Said turnaround shall be a Hammerhead/T design in accordance with Trinity County Fire Safe Ordinance No. 1162. a.

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The "Proposed Action" and "Alternative One" do not provide for a turnaround on River right (Salt Flat side) for emergency response vehicles. The lives of our emergency response personnel need to be safeguarded Experience from the recent Lewiston fire demonstrates that seconds do count in responding to emergencies and evacuating residents.

Article 2, Emergency Access, of Ordinance No. 1162, Fire Safe Ordinance for Trinity County, requires that a turnaround be provided. The project proposes to construct a new bridge and approaches to an existing subdivision of some 25 homes with no feasible back door escape route. Cutting corners in fire safe design is the wrong place to save money.

Alternative Two is a prudent design that includes a turnaround. It takes the safety of emergency response personnel into account. No reason is given for omitting a turnaround from the "Proposed Action" or "Alternative One".

The Draft EA/EIR's selection of Salt Flat Bridge alternatives lacks consistency in the critical area of safety for emergency response personnel.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 31

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31-a: Thank you for your comments. Please refer to the Response to Comment # 1. No additional response is required.