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Comments:

We are opposed to further fragmentation of habitats for so called forest health treatments that ignore natural cycles, the role of the Forest Service in creating unhealthy conditions through its past fire suppression policies. Insects are natural, fires are natural and most fires are mixed severity. Also least roaded, wilderness and other protected areas without past logging and treatments suffer the least fire severity.

Habitat fragmentation from roads and trails including illegal user created roads and trails, past roads that are left open all contribute to loss of wildlife security cover and connectivity. This project exacerbates the situation.

Fisheries, watersheds, water supplies and water quality are compromised by sediment and loss of cover thru these actions.

Climate change is also accelerated through projects such as this. Instead, carbon sequestration and climate can be enhanced through not carrying it out. See the Forest Service Roadmap for Climate Change regarding these points the need for habitat restoration and connectivity.

Kiesha's Preserve works to protect and preserve habitats in a Regionally Significant Wildlife Corridor here and we are concerned about habitat capability, structure and function for all species across the west.

As concerned public, we wish to be kept apprised of this project and to register our complete opposition to it being carried out.

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