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Subject: OBJECTION
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Hello,

I am writing in objection to the proposed Zigzag Integrated Resources project, asking that you SUSPEND this project until the incoming Biden administration is able to review the environmental policies and agendas of the outgoing administration. Let the new administration establish its forestry policies and quota before continuing with this dubious and contested project.

I also would ask your department to consider the negative public relations consequences of continuing with this forestry plan. After destroying much forest in the previous century, the USFS has worked hard to regain the public's respect, which I think it finally has. Now, the Zigzag plan attempts to log in a very popular area of the National Forest, namely above Old Maid Flats and near Trillium Lake. The sight and sound of logging operations will certainly infuriate the many hikers who visit from Portland each day, not to mention locals like myself. Some will even be aware of the serious efforts to rehabilitate salmon habitat in the area, and how this forestry project undermines such a strategy. I hardly think the public will remain impressed by the USFS if this project begins, especially as a new, less destructive administration has taken over the federal government.

Can I again object on the basis of salmon habitat restoration?

This forestry plan made sense when the federal government demanded unnecessary quotas on our forests, considering the recklessness of the outgoing administration. Now, however, things have changed and it is the duty of the USFS to react accordingly.

I feel like the Zigzag Ranger District has little to gain from this logging initiative, but much face to lose. The public will hold you accountable. Tread lightly, carefully, and always show respect for the forests you steward and for the public you serve.

Thank you,

Daniel O'Neil