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Comments: While I support your proposed action in setting aside the 5050 acres of old growth with improvement to soil and water quality, I urge you to make your final decision for the 143,419 acres after a site level analysis is performed. I am particularly concerned about the proposed application of herbicide to up to 63,700 acres. I think the use of herbicide would be disastrous to the ecosystem. Wildlife would suffer tremendously, as well as the affect this would have on the water quality. Our forests are a place of refuge. They are the home for our wildlife and insects. Any mismanagement of these forests could have a negative lifetime consequence. Thoughtful consideration can preserve these forests for future generations. Thank you, Iris Mead