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Comments: Good afternoon,
I would like to start by saying I support the agency's proposed actions to set aside 5,050 acres of old growth, and to improve soil and water quality through better maintenance and the closure of roads that are sediment sources.

As a member of Forest Watch, we have been informed that up to 90,000 acres of forest (63% of the project area) could be logged with a variety of treatments for a variety of purposes. The exact acreage is unclear as the locations and potential overlap of treatments have not been clearly identified. We need to know not only what will be affected but where. And we need that information now, not after a decision is made.

Also herbicide application is proposed on up to 63,700 acres for control of "less desirable" native vegetation. Mechanical treatments and fire should be used to control these species where practical.

Non-native invasive species are one of the biggest long-term threats to the Foothills. The Forest Service should take advantage of this opportunity to prioritize and develop detailed plans for controlling invasive species across the landscape.

I would like to ask the agency not to make any final decisions until it performs site-level analysis.

Thank you for your time and consideration.