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Comments: This road does not seem to be as necessary as claimed. The water level regulation doesn't seem to be an issue as the surrounding area has minimal people and plenty of floodplain.

I oppose the construction of the road as it will permanently destroy 20 year old long-term monitoring plots that have greatly increased our understanding of ecology. The road will not only destroy these monitoring plots, but also decrease the value of the monument for research and recreation.

This area is one of the last places in the PNW that remains wild. Of course this can cause trouble for people trying to access the area, but a road that is 16 ft wide across one of the most ecologically valuable USFS habitats is unacceptable.

The value of the road to the USFS is exponentially smaller than the value of these research plots for the world, alongside the recreational value to the people who visit the monument each year.

In summary, this project should find an alternate route well away from the research area even if it costs more and means the cutting of forests to protect the value of these monitoring sites. Locations like these are extremely rare and only become more abnormal with actions such as this road that lead to their destruction. Protecting this habitat and continuing these monitoring sites should be a higher priority.