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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am very concerned about the plans for building Spirit Lake Tunnel Intake Gate Replacement and Geotechnical Drilling Project within Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. This proposed project should not be pushed through quickly with haste. This is a very unique geologic anomaly known as Pumice Plain created after the 1980 eruption. Please do not undermine public participation. This project will cross 5 permanent streams and 10 seasonal stream risking soil erosion and sediment delivery into the streams and eventually Spirit Lake. A set of newborn watersheds that do not exist anywhere else on earth. You can't get back a natural ecosystem once you have built this road that will receive so much traffic, drilling and devastating impact on the aquatic insects and fish. It is in the best interest to leave natural areas untouched by human building. These impacts are not what we should be doing. Our truly natural areas are becoming fewer and fewer. We need to protect the natural way. This is a very special place.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

diane