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Comments: I ask the US Forest Service to NOT build a road across the Pumice Plain on Mount St. Helens. I state this as a professional ecologist that appreciates the value and importance of long term enviornmental monitoring and scientific studies that would be negatively affected by the construction of the road, as well as an outdoor enthusiast that is looking forward to hiking in Mount St Helens.

There are valid alternatives with minimal enviornmental impact to transport the needed materials to make the needed dam repairs, please do not take the option of maximum destruction.

Sincerely,

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