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Comments: I just read a very long and detailed summary from someone I know regarding this project. Here is what I took away from it that bears repeating:

"For us, existing long stretches of unbroken wilderness that we treasure are threatened by this plan. We members of the public fear their destruction.

"To us, mother nature is currently restoring the landscape that was clear cut one hundred years ago. We believe that she is successfully implementing her own forest 'management plan,' and that is how it should be.

"And we feel we must assume that the Forest Landscape Project is overreach--that it is a time bomb waiting to go off--justification for widespread commercial logging in our national forest over the upcoming decades."

A chainsaw can take out a tree in minutes. The forest and the tree in the forest have no voice; they have a life cycle of centuries, of hundreds of years. WE long for a restoration of THAT.

Now, let me turn my focus around. I recognize the forestry service is trying to do its duty. I understand that this action plan has merit the public hasn't focused on. Well done for that work! And I remember the forest fires of 2016 and the work done to protect homes and calm the public. It took dedication and planning like this to manage those extreme events. You may remember the public was grateful.

I understand that public comments like mine are meant to be helpful, but that they may unleash criticism that is uninformed, off-target, and unjustified. Sometimes, right? And the opinions that we share may not have anything to do with the work done for us.

I expect that we, the public, make it hard for you to do your jobs--and with that in mind, I want to thank those who work hard looking after our much-loved forests. I would like to express thanks to Betty Jewett, the Gainesville office Forest Supervisor who spoke to a gathering in Clayton on the evening of the 8th of January. She had the world thrown at her. I don't envy that!