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Comments: I am writing strongly against the building of a road to accommodate large trucks in an ecologically sensitive research site like the Pumice plain at Mount St Helens. This area has been an unparalleled opportunity for ecologists to understand how communities recover after major disturbances like volcanic eruption. Roads are well known to bring invasive species as well as major disruption from their construction, and to increase erosion. I strongly urge the Forest Service to find other methods to accomplish their goals while conserving the important study sites, long term research, and recreation potential of this unique area.