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Comments: This is an outrageous proposal if only because of its massive size. The idea that we should clear existing forest on such a large scale in order to plant more isolated trees goes against the services this forested land is already providing. The vital services this forest is already providing cannot be replaced with this new plan, namely carbon sequestration to slow climate change impacts plus support for existing wildlife, stream, soil and air protection. Additionally burning, herbicides, and road building further damage the environment and health of the public. If you believe that forest restoration is needed, the forest itself can handle it naturally without your help. Your short time period for comment is an affront to citizens and this proposal is a bad idea that should not move forward. I write this on behalf of myself, my citizen advocacy group and another individual who does not have e-mail and has not been able to get through by telephone on this last day of comment.