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Comments: The Forest Service needs to support science, especially now that we are in the age of "fake news." The research underway for the past thirty-nine years on the revegetation of the pumice plain is important and should be taken into consideration in the implementation of any measure to protect public safety. The proposed road will have significant adverse impacts on plant communities, compromising the ecological integrity of the area and disrupting on-going research. While the proposed project addresses legitimate concerns raised regarding the management of Spirit Lake water levels to protect downstream public safety and property, it does not adequately recognize the importance of also protecting long-term, ongoing research projects.