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Comments: I write to you out of extreme concern for the proposed logging of the Flat Country project.

This is a healthy area of native forest, ie never been logged, filled with legacy trees & riparian areas. Areas slated to be logged include healthy, multi-layered old forest that is in no need of thinning, large natural meadows that provides unique habitat for species, areas of plentiful downed woody debris, standing dead snags and natural gaps in the forest canopy that left alone will develop into a lovely old growth forest. Areas such as these should be left alone and allowed to thrive.

I am also concerned about the seemingly lack of protection of older trees in this forest, both by logging and road construction. Cutting old growth timber for road construction should be avoided at all costs.

As old native forests become rarer it is vital that we protect those remaining. The job of the Forest Service is to protect unique habitat, drinking water and recreation opportunities. I am extremely concerned about the increasing prioritization of logging interests in our forests. I would like to see harvesting in young monocrop plantations only, while preserving older stands.

Please choose Alternative 3 and do not implement regeneration harvest in the sale or target any of the old native stands with commercial logging.

Thank you!