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Comments: Greetings!

As a farmer and outdoorsman, I respectfully oppose the proposed logging of Walton Lake's old growth forest. I am concerned that the Forest Service is proposing clearcutting of old growth and mature moist mixed conifer forest visible from the lake, the campground, and the loop road around the lake, as well as the planned commercial logging of dry mixed conifer forest, including the logging of large trees over 21" diameter in violation of the Forest Plan Eastside Screens.

The Forest Service is using the guise of public safety and hazard trees to log in the Walton Lake recreation area, despite the fact that the Forest Service continues to be free to deal with hazard trees. The Forest Service has maintained public safety in the area for decades by annually inspecting for and removing true hazard trees. We support that practice. USFS still offers no explanation for why they need to dramatically depart from that practice and log hundreds of large and old-growth trees.

Thank you,

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