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Comments: I strongly object to this project in its current form. As a student at the Evergreen State college (planning to study ecology), hiker, and long time Washington resident, I have vested interest in the Mount Saint Helens monument and the natural environment that exists there. I feel the proposed project will negatively impact the fragile environment that is reestablishing itself in the pumice plain, and leave behind a scar of human development upon a currently pristine landscape in the process of recovery. The proposed road will disrupt a wide array of long term scientific research of freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems by completely altering the natural trajectory of succession in a post-disturbance landscape and promoting the introduction of a population of invasive species. It is clear the US Forest Service and the Army Core of Engineers have done little to acknowledge the concerns of the scientific community or the public on this matter. There has been no environmental impact statement or objection resolution meeting, both of which I demand be provided to all parties concerned before moving forward on this project. It is very disappointing to see the US Forest Service and the Army Core of Engineers choose to employ the easiest options when there are other possibilities that will better serve the scientific community, the environment, and the longstanding cultural and ecological heritage of the Mount Saint Helens National Monument.