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Comments: Hello,

I am a member of the building industry and a hiker living in the Seattle area, and I urge you to complete a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement on this proposal due to the huge scale of proposed logging, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, and potential negative impacts on local communities.

The Forest Service must fully weigh the importance of this National Forest for reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests impedes their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come. I call on the Forest Service to explicitly apply the latest available research on carbon sequestration and climate change in your assessment methodology to quantify the potential impact of this proposal.

In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, I call on the Forest Service to quantify & demonstrate how their decision to manage land or allow our National Forest to mature naturally contributes to increased carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation. Additionally, I urge the Forest Service to reconsider the construction of new logging roads, including so-called "temporary" roads, which act as vectors for invasive weeds and human-caused abuses (including fires), while fragmenting habitat. Instead, the Forest Service should permanently close unneeded decaying roads.

I hope you take these comments into consideration & see the Environmental Impact Assessment through to the best of your ability. Thank you.