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Comments: I was born and raised in the PNW, and I know the area covered by this proposal quite well. All of our wildlands are of utmost importance to me and many others, and they are crucial in protecting our larger ecosystem and curbing climate change.

This proposal absolutely NEEDS an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be conducted and completed! There will be negative impacts on the local community, and on surrounding areas, and if the project went forward it would cause much controversy. This proposal would include a huge area for logging, and I know a bit about that due to my college education and having worked at a Forestry job in the past. This would not be feasible in the long run. It should also be mentioned that this proposal reflects a drastic change from previous Forest Service management decisions.

The Forest Service must look at everything that would be affected by this project.

This is National Forest we are talking about, and it would be irresponsible to not fully weigh the importance of its effects, including the fact that the logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come. Again, many people, the local wildlife, ecosystem function would all be detrimentally affected.

There have already been detrimental effects due to other logging/clearcutting operations in nearby timberlands, and this project would make things worse. The Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.

There must be no future 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.

Thank you for accepting my comments. Our remaining naturally functioning forest lands and streams MUST be kept wild. I happen to have a Bachelor Degree in the area of Wildlife/Environmental Science, and work experience in those areas, so I hope you respect my views. Thank you.