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Comments: As a lifelong resident of North Fork Road downstream from this proposed logging operation, I am deeply opposed to it. The huge scale of the cuts, the radical departure from previous Forest Service management practices, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities including MY HOME make it absolutely necessary that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be completed.

The importance of this National Forest in reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities must be fully considered by the Forest Service. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come.

In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on nearby private and state timberlands, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.

The Forest Service must also refrain from constructing new logging roads, including so-called "temporary" roads, which act as opportunities for invasive weeds and human-caused abuses (including fires), while fragmenting habitat. The Forest Service should instead permanently close unneeded decaying roads.