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Comments: Due to the huge scale of proposed unnecessary logging in this proposal, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

The Forest Service must fully weigh the importance of reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come, it destroys vital wildlife ecosystems in a time when species extinction is rapidly increasing.

In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, 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 not construct 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.

The pristine and wild forests of WA are becoming more and more rare in our country, we cannot end up like California with a road leading to every natural wonder. I choose to live in WA for this very reason - the ability to hike into the backcountry without vehicles, roads, evidence of poor and unethical forest removal must be a priority. The economic and communal benefit of pristine WA is paramount and cannot be destroyed just to temporarily line the pockets of a few.

The Forest Service needs to use its channels and influence to help shift our country to the growing and textile utilization of hemp, bamboo, and other sustainable resources which are more economical, productive, and environmentally sound than to continue to destroy our forests.

Thank you for your time.