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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I was deeply disturbed to learn of the proposed vegetation management project and believe it is imperative that before any project such as this is approved, an Environmental Impact Statement be completed. This project is of massive scale, diverges from how the Forest Service has been managing these lands, is highly controversial, and will likely cause many negative impacts on local communities. It would be irresponsible to do otherwise.

In addition, these forested lands currently sequester large amounts of carbon in a time when the dangers of climate change are obviously beginning to impact the Pacific Northwest as well as communities around the world. We must weigh financial profit with human well-being and ecosystem health not just for the short term but for generations to come.

On top of this, due to considerable clearcutting on private and state lands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally to ensure carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities. This part of the world is renowned for its outdoor recreation opportunities and aesthetic beauty and the proposed project would have significant negative economic effects in addition to other harm caused.

The Forest Service serves the people. Not big business. Not a destructive, inhumane, tantrum-prone President. Please stand up for what is best for community, the natural world, the economy, and generations to come rather than to shortsighted economic and political gain.

Thank you!