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Comments: As a Washington resident, business manager and outdoor recreationalist, I strongly oppose the stated plan to clear cut and thin the nearly 4,000 acres that are proposed. This plan not only represents some of the absolute worst forestry practices one could imagine in terms of clear cutting forest, which destroys natural watershed, destroys habitat and reduces overall forest resiliency, but the plan is apocryphal in its disregard for future climate protection.

It is imperative that a full Environmental Impact Statement be conducted prior to any active logging due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities.

It is also important for the the Forest Service to 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 defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come.

Furthermore, 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.

I also implore the Forest Service not to allow any new permanent or temporary logging roads as these are vectors for invasive weeds and human-caused abuses (including fires), while fragmenting habitat.

Thank you.