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Comments: To Whom This May Concern:

Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal and negative impacts on local Indigenous and non-indigenous communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

The Forest Service must weigh the cost of recreating a healthy forest for air and water purification and carbon sequestration. By so doing, all can see that the cost of this proposed logging, and needed restoration, far outweighs the direct and indirect benefits to citizens, like myself, who are the owners of these forests. Healthy flourishing National Forests like this, are our greatest remedy for reducing the present dangers of climate change. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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