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Comments: I am concerned about the impact mass logging with have on this area. Not just as a natural area for people to enjoy but also environmentally. An environmental impact statement should first be completed, due to the large scale that greatly departs from the past. 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 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.