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Comments: Dear decision makers,

It is sad to hear, that such a beautiful environment, that provides many a refuge from civilization should be destroyed in such a way.

I grew up in Germany, where such an abundance of beautiful old growth Forest and many secluded hiking trails, is not available, as everything has been cut up and exploited for temporary profit. A lot is grey and harsh. While living here I started to enjoy nature and the care people take for it. Everytime we come by a forest road or mine though, it shows how fragile this environment is. So please do all in your power to preserve this heritage and this unique place.

A few suggestions on what should be evaluated before moving forward:

- 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, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.
  
- 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.
  
- 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.

Thanks,

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