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Comments: First, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be completed owing to the massive area proposed to be cut, the major change in direction from earlier Forest Service management policies, the fact that it will generate many controversial opinions that must be heard and weighed because of its negative impacts on local communities.

- 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 many times over for your willingness to speak truth to power and help protect our irreplaceable forests and streams.