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Comments:

Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, its radical departure from prevailing Forest Service management guidelines, and its negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.

In the EIS, and in its decision-making, 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.

There has been extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby. To compensate 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.