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Comments: Forests are invaluable to the natural ecosystem in that they provide animal habitat, carbon sequestration, and help to regulate the water cycle, in addition to ongoing opportunities for recreation that are beneficial to our physical and mental health. We have seen over the past century that clear cutting forests eliminates all of these and massively increases erosion, devoiding the soil of crucial nutrients to grow and sustain new life. Unnaturally thinning our forests may seem like a better plan, but it also takes destroys important habitat and removing undergrowth may contribute to increased fire growth and damage.

The USFS must submit an Environmental Impact Statement on this project that recognizes and prioritizes the greater good provided by our forest land in it's natural state.