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Comments: We have never needed these forests more than we do after Trump's presidency. Please protect these forests. We, the people who live, play, and work in these mountains need these trees. Every tree. They give us shade, they maintain the ecosystems we have which are unique to the Pacific Northwest. Please take the following points into your consideration of these irreplaceable forests.

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.