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Comments: The scale of the proposed logging is not in alignment with previous Forest Service management practices due to its controversial nature. An extraction this large will negatively impact the local communities and regional ecosystems and therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be completed before the proposal can be considered.

The National Forest plays an important role in protecting ecosystems and the environment. The National Forest contributes to carbon capture, water filtration, and sensitive species protection.

The National Forest is also an important place to recreate for local communities. The hiking and biking trails in the area are a place of peace and beauty that will be diminished with clearcutting. Logging extraction of this magnitude will destroy the very reason many people moved to the area.

The construction of new "temporary" forest service roads will harm wildlife habitats and act as a pathway to invasive weeds and human-caused destruction. Unnecessary roads should be permanently closed by the Forest Service in order to protect the regional ecosystems.

Please protect our forest, streams, and wildlife by allowing the National Forest to mature naturally and do not move forward with the proposed logging.