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Comments: As a Civil and Environmental Engineer, who has worked in this field for over 35 years, I believe an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is warranted here. The huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, is a radical departure from any previous Forest Service management direction. It could have negative impacts on local communities and the environment for years to come.

The National Forest reduces the dangers of Climate Change to both to both our regional ecosystems and our human communities. National Forests provide carbon sequestration and should not be logged when we need them for this purpose. Our National Forest should be allowed 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 the unneeded decaying roads.