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Comments: One of the hardest things we are being asked during this time of climate change is to alter our preconceived notions and change plans in mid-stream. This is true especially regarding our relationship with forests. Shifting from "Harvesting Trees" to "Responding to Climate Change" means giving up on an economy of continuous growth and embracing new and unfamiliar ways of living. With this in mind, I am writing to demand a rethinking of the current plan, and a complete and thorough EIS. We must examine what these forests need to support salmon, water quality (for fish, people, and other "stakeholders"), and their own health (considering seriously the new understanding of forest health and the mutually supportive relationships among trees of various species and the network of connections under the surface of the ground that involve fungi and other organisms). We need to prioritize aiding our forests in bringing carbon out of the atmosphere. We know that older trees are far more effective carbon collectors ("carbon sinks") than younger trees, for example.

So, I urge you to rethink significant aspects of this plan. "Harvesting" trees, must take a far lower position.

Protecting forest health (using the most current science), water quality, salmon runs need to move to the top of the list.

Thank you for your work on this, and for welcoming community engagement.