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Comments: I am commenting to state my opposition to any "management" actions that would result in clearcutting this region. The Pacific Northwest stands to face significant hardships as a result of the impending man-made climate crisis, and clearcutting any forested regions here or elsewhere only serves to accelerate our slide towards that crisis. The ecology of the area has evolved for millions of years without human intervention. To claim that humans need to suddenly suck the life out of the forest to "manage" it is arrogant and irresponsible. Vegetation, especially forestation, acts as both a carbon sink and an anti-erosion framework to preserve the delicate topography and ecology that has thrived in this region of the continent since before we ever set foot here. I urge those with the power over these decisions to recognize how your choices impact the ecology of our planet and the future of biodiversity and sustainability in one of the most ecologically important regions in the world. No amount of short term economic gain for human society is worth the desecration of these stolen lands and the increase in stress on the natural environment as a result of our arrogant human actions. We are one of millions of species, our desire for capital and arrogant need to control nature do not trump millions if not billions of years of evolution and ecological succession.