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Comments: Dear District Ranger Erin Uloth and Project Lead Andrew Montgomery,

I would like to start out by thanking you for being open to comments on and alternatives to clear cutting. I support ALTERNATIVE 2 and REJECT the proposal for Alternative 1. I will keep my statement short.

I have lived in the Pacific Northwest for many years and it is home to my family. I believe more strongly than anything else that it is our responsibility to care for our natural resources. I feel also that caring for our natural resources is NOT AN OPTION. It is a necessity. Currently companies can legally purchase the right to log forests, but that is part of a system that has not been around for long, and will not be around forever. Unfortunately, the damage that is done when forests are razed to the ground can not be undone by simply replanting trees. Fragile ecosystems that are destroyed take hundreds if not thousands of years to fully return.

I know that you have both heard these arguments many times, and they may not affect your decision. But I have to try. Somehow things have progressed to a point where in order to defend the resources that rightfully belong to you and me and our children and our childrens' children (because their health depends on the health of the natural world) my only non-violent option is to fill out this form. So here we are.

Please consider helping to preserve OUR resources and keep them out of the hands of people who would use them for short term monetary gain.

Thank you for your time.