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Comments: Hello and thanks for providing an opportunity for feedback. This watershed is the home to my family and the source of my livelihood: our family farm. We've seen significant damages in the valley due to over-harvesting of timbers on steep slopes so I urge you to approve Alternative 2 which is modified to give additional consideration to identifying Riparian Reserves, safeguarding soils and habitat in the short-term, and still providing commercial return for timber products.

The potential short-term impacts of Variable Retention Harvest are concerning, including opening up the canopy, altering hydrologic patterns, and impacting stream flow and sedimentation in Canyon Creek's sensitive fish habitat. These impacts alter life for everyone down stream in the watershed.

Additionally, we are prone to heavy rains in the spring and fall and we've seen very serious land-slides in the valley due to de-vegetation on the steep slopes. Alternative 2 provides a measure of safety against the potential for increased landslides or mass-wasting events due to soil disturbance, root instability, and a loss of vegetation cover, particularly in the steep and unstable landslide-prone terrain of the Canyon Creek sub-watershed.

Thank you for your consideration.