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Comments: We need to restore forest health on public lands and reduce fuels that spur fires. For these reasons I support a modified Alternative 2 plan that improves the health of the forest, soils, and wildlife habitat while providing profits for timber products. As it stands now, the Environmental Assessment (EA) misidentifies the Riparian Reserves in the Canyon Creek watershed. Healthy Riparian Reserves are essential in achieving the objectives of the Northwest Forest Plan's Aquatic Conservation Strategy.

"Opening up the canopy" as proposed in the EA will surely alter water, sediment, and stream patterns in Canyon Creek's sensitive fish habitat; opening up the canopy will increase the potential for landslides (which already exists!) and the loss of vegetation cover in the watershed. Alternative 2 excludes harvesting of extra large trees while enabling 62 miles of forest service road maintenance as well as reconstructing 20 miles of temporary roads. In addition, Alternative 2 focuses on selective thinning of trees (providing commercial return for timber) and increased use of prescribed fires. We need a healthier watershed that is achieved by factoring in road density, stream paths, and forest health.