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Comments: Without a 100+ year rotation plan for planting trees for timber, the clear cut area will become an economic and ecological dead zone. By clear cutting the area, you are affecting the rhizosphere, the soil-root ecosystem. The risk of landslides will increase with every rainfall, threatening the habitats and future/current homes located below. When you consider the yield harvest and revenue, it is not a sustainable plan to clear cut to begin with. It is proven that 50+ year plans in harvesting timber will result in the highest profit and avoid the extreme environmental destruction caused by clear cutting. Not only that, the community will benefit from more long-term job contracts. Clear cutting is disrespecting the community that values our tree covered mountains for clear air and animals for hunting. If no sustainable timber management is in place, there will be accountability on the timber company if any problems arise, such as identifying the impact of habitat fragmentation in the area. The timber management plan needs to be revised to ethically address the environmental concerns, so that the company, the community, and our precious flora and fauna species can benefit for a long time, not just for short term profit. Clear cutting is not the only way to harvest timber, if anything we have advanced in such a way to avoid this barbaric activity and develop a cost-benefit analysis that proves sustainable timber harvest will be more cost effective as well as better for the environment rather than clear cutting the area for timber.