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Comments: I oppose this project. I see no reason at this point to log any old growth forest. These ecosystems are increasingly precious for preserving biodiversity, helping to mitigate climate change, and providing eco services such as ensuring a supply of clean water. Road building creates stream sedimentation damaging water quality and degrading fish spawning habitat. Removing old growth reduces cover and thermal protection for elk and disrupts crucial potential grizzly bear connectivity between disparate populations. Wildlife and natural ecosystems in general are under increasing stress due to human disruption, and areas like Mud Creek have far more value intact than can be created through cutting and harvesting lumber. Please abandon this destructive project. Thank you for your consideration.