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Dear Forest Supervisor Danika Carlson,

I support the portions of the Bear Country project that will help prepare and protect the nearby communities from, like plantation thinning, prescribed burning and small diameter vegetation treatments along strategic roads.

However, I am strongly opposed to the mature forest logging. It will remove critical habitat for the northern spotted owl, and should not be allowed in Critical Habitat areas or in the Eddy Gulch Late Successional Reserve. Riparian Reserve logging would severely degrade watersheds and habitat critical to the wild coho and chinook. The miles of road construction, the new log landings, and the mastication on many miles of remote ridgeline would fragment vital wildlife and watershed habitat and would cause long-term degradation.

The Salmon/Scott River Ranger District should focus on finishing treatment projects like prescribed burning and fuel treatment in the Eddy Gulch LSR and the adjacent Jess project.

I urge you to please choose an alternative that will focus on vegetation treatments and thinning flammable areas on roads within a community. The mature fire resilient trees and forest canopy should be kept intact and should be protected for long-term preservation and recovery.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Sincerely,

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