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Dear Forest Supervisor Danika Carlson,

Please do everything you can to protect rapidly declining salmon populations and healthy forest habitat, prioritizing these things above commercial profiteering and even recreational use that degrades functioning natural ecosystems.

We seem to be in the last stages of retaining any possibility of avoiding permanent

degradation in the last fire resilient mature forests that serve as a stronghold for threatened and endangered species. The Bear Country project would also impact scenic values in the Wild and Scenic Salmon River corridor and degrade the Black Inventoried Roadless Area.

We are all experiencing biodiversity and climate emergency, please protect this last remaining refugia by maintaining mature forest habitat and connectivity. Please reconsider and choose an alternative that will keep older fire resilient trees and forest canopy intact.

Sincerely,

Joyce King