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Comments: As a botanist I am extremely concerned about the plan of clearing forests or in particular wilderness areas from logs, or any other vegetation. The way a healthy forest functions requires the accumulation of dead matter on the forest floor. Invertebrates, fungus, bacteria all come together in this floor matter to keep the forests healthy. Years of collecting have shown me that seeds are getting smaller in many species as they don't get the needed nutrients in cleared forests. We are losing valuable biodiversity and hurting our forests in the misguided effort to "improve" them. It is sad to realize that we hardly ever do better than nature on these issues. Please not proceed with forests clearing, and definitively exclude wilderness areas that still have a chance to continue to function in a healthy way for the future. Please ensure disturbances are kept at a minimum always.