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Hello Joan,

Here is my comment on this project:

First, a project of this size with such massive potential for environmental impact should be broken into at least 10 smaller projects and given full individual environmental impact statements. The ramifications of not doing so could negatively affect our ecosystem and species for years, decades, or even centuries to come. This is not the time to cut corners. Secondly, it is my understanding that a reason given in the "Purpose and Need" to supply local mills with timber is no longer valid due to the supply from recent fire effected areas. It should go without saying but must be said regardless that we can expect more fires in the future, more frequently and larger than before. In order to do the least amount of ongoing harm a reasonable society would steer the timber industry to these sources in the future, despite how bleak the whole thing is. Third, the diversity and value of native forests can never be restored or replanted. They are irreplaceable beyond our best efforts or abilities. Biodiversity and healthy complex ecosystems are not something man has ever been truly capable of replicating, and to say or pretend otherwise is to insult science, the earth, and the Creator. For the good of the people of the area and far beyond we must protect the remaining wilds. Lastly, as tree plantations already exist and there is scientifically proven benefit to managing that landscape, our focus should be on said scientifically proven ecologically beneficial thinning/management within these plantations.

Thank you,

Samantha Corriveau