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The proposed QMS project is a major threat to the integrity of Cascade Mountain range forests. If this project is to go forward, it should require a full EIS, not just an EA. The project clearly meets the threshold for an EIS and the public input from the full process is essential to the democratic management of public lands.

The EIS (or EA, if that is all that is done) needs to consider impacts of logging and thinning on water quality and quantity, future wildfires, global warming, biodiversity (specifically including threatened and endangered species, and species which are not present but may recolonize these forests), air quality, salmon and trout spawning streams and greenhouse gas emissions - as compared to no logging. This analysis needs to include the effects of new logging roads and old logging roads that would face major increased usage.

Public comment periods for projects like this should be extended to allow for greater public input. I heard about this project on an obscure email list, not in public media like OPB or other major outlets. The public needs a greater opportunity to learn about and comment on this project.

All logging of old-growth (or forests which have not previously been logged) should be completely dropped from this project. Less than 3% of original forests remain in our entire country. It is completely unacceptable to cut any more of these forests. This is biologically unjustifiable.

Please add me to the contact list for future notifications about this project.

Thank you,

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