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Comments: Afternoon,

I am contacting you to advocate for ecologically driven land management on Mt. Hood National Forest and to address my concerns with the Grasshopper Project.

Shelterwood logging (alternative two) of old growth high elevation forests is not appropriate to meet the purpose and need of this project and the long-term health of the area.

It claims to reduce wildfire risk however, this technique has a high rate of failure if it is not coupled with frequent maintenance and prescribed fire. The failure to do so would result in dense ingrowth and high solar loading due to loss of canopy. This likely scenario would result in a stand less resilient to wildfire than the mature, closed canopy, and cool understory that preceded it.

Please act locally to mitigating the global climate crisis. Not only are old growth parts of the project area in direct risk due to climate predictions they also provide the highest rates of carbon sequestration. I'm asking you to consider how the Mt. Hood National Forest could account for carbon conservation at the forest level and the project level.

Make the right choice here and don't cut down old growth forest that cannot be replaced.