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Comments: The proposed scope and size of this project demands a full Environmental Impact Statement. The proposal neglects to mention climate change impacts and how it will benefit carbon sequestration. It has been well documented that forests are crucial components to successfully sequester carbon. The full impacts of this proposed project must be completely evaluated for their effects on climate change.

This proposed project will negatively impact habitat for the endangered Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet. Both species continue to decline and disturbance that will be caused to their habitat by this project will only result in further decline. An Environmental Impact Statement must address in detail all impacts to these birds and offer non-extractive alternatives to preserve and protect critical habitat.

Condition-based management allows the Forest Service to conduct, alter, and/or allow management activities, including extraction, without oversight and after the public comment period has closed. This type of management is not appropriate for a project of this size and scope.

The rivers included in this proposed project are designated as National Wild and Scenic Rivers as well as Key 1 Watersheds. They are expected to provide high quality habitat for a variety of species. An Environmental Impact Statement must fully address all impacts on the rivers and habitat, including expected or known habitat and/or water degradation.

These are only a few concerns about this project, but the size and scope require a full Environmental Impact Statement.

Regards,

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