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Comments: The only acceptable Option is Option 1. This project should end right here. The trees you want to kill are so much more important to the Earth than cutting them down and shipping them to China or Japan or wherever the highest bidder is. The carbon that they, as well as all the trees you've already killed with your logging program is all we have to try to lower the CO2 and save the world. You really need to get with the program and stop your logging.

You need to do a Cumulative Effects analysis of ALL your logging projects and the effect on the climate with all of those combined.

As you continue logging and as rain/snow patterns continue changing even more than they have already you're not going to get the regrowth of trees like you have in the past. During periods of drought all those little seedlings are going to die rather than grow.

I saw no mention at all of the Emerald Ash borer or beech leaf disease or beech bark disease in your EA/FONSI. From what I'm reading these are going to have a profound effect on our Forests. How will you ensure that you're not getting below the minimum basal area, especially in the watershed when these trees will be dying quickly. Another reason not to do this logging.

FWS is proceeding with listing the Northern Long Eared bat as Endangered since they're basically going to be disappearing yet you're going to be killing them with this logging project. You need to do a cumulative effects analysis of ALL your logging projects and how many bats you already killed!

<https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2022-03/proposal-reclassify-northern-long-eared-bat-endangered>

"The Service's review found that white-nose syndrome is expected to affect 100% of the northern long-eared bat's U.S. range by 2025, spreading more quickly than anticipated across the continent. Data indicate white-nose syndrome has caused estimated declines of 97 to 100% of affected northern long-eared bat populations."

The 66ft buffer around goshawk nests is way too narrow...Some of the trees that you'll be cutting outside that buffer are going to be taller than 66 feet and have the potential to take out the nests...that should be 300 feet or more.

How are the winter deer and moose going to be affected by the glades that you're looking to put in? How are Bicknell's thrush and other critters going to be affected by all the bike trails you're looking to put in? It's going to affect a LOT of critters! Are you going to prevent e-bikes from taking over these trails and killing all sorts of critter at 40 MPH?

You've pretty much cut all over the WMNF so it's a sea of stumps. Your Scenery analysis doesn't meet your minimums so once again another reason to not do this project.

Stop the logging on the WMNF!!!!

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