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Comments: I have several concerns regarding this proposed project.

In regards to the 3 ways discussed for logging, these would all result in basically the same clear cutting result. I believe that just the erosion resulting from this plan would be catastrophic for this area. There is a huge risk for increased flooding and landslides that would not only damage the land, vegetation, and wildlife in this area; but the risk to homes and the potential loss of human life is a very legitimate concern.

I'm not sure why you feel that you need to do this, other than the monetary gain that you would derive from it, since there were many knowledgeable people at the meeting that researched it and found a very different conclusion in their projections. Several people at the meeting have degrees in these specific areas of study, and they disputed the validity of the study that you presented regarding the necessity of taking measures in order to maintain the health of the forest.

Then there is the risk of the chemicals used in this plan. Chemicals that could potentially leach into the ground water, springs, creeks and ponds of our area. Numerous people in this area, including myself, have well water that we drink from. We have major concerns about the contamination of the water that we consume on a daily basis, as well as the waterways that sustain all the wildlife in our area.

It is my understanding, as I've been told by a few of my neighbors, that there is an endangered species of minnow in our creek. I have not researched this as of yet, but I have spoken to several people regarding this, and I wanted to bring it to the attention of your staff as well.

This project will bring several risks which could ultimately endanger life in our area, all which needs to be taken into consideration. However, if this project moves forward, it is my fervent wish that you will at least:

1. Use a select cut method instead of clear cutting our forest.
2. Limit the access roads created, that will be needed to facilitate the logging, to minimize the risks of landslides in those areas.
3. Limit, or hopefully eliminate, the use of chemicals in any areas to minimize the risk of contamination to all waterways.

Thank you for listening,

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