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Comments: Chloride Gold proposes to utilize logging as an experiment upon the survival of sensitive and endangered species in the designated area. These species include *Cypripedium fasciculatum*, a Lady Slipper orchid. The Forest Service's own studies state that mechanical disruption such as logging is a "Primary Threat" to the closely related and far more common *C. montanum*:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5206979.pdf . If logging is recognized as deleterious and concerning to the more common *C. montanum*, what justification can there possibly be for experimenting with the less common *C. fasciculatum*?

If the Forest Service really wants to experiment with this delicate species, then they should invest the years that it takes to establish a population test plot, from seed, and then tear it up with logging equipment and drive all over it and burn it, etc, and record the survival rates. To employ this type of experimentation against a sensitive species in the wild, when all known evidence points to dramatically negative impacts, is unconscionable, irresponsible, and intellectually dishonest.