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Comments: I am writing to voice my objection to the extensive logging proposed by this project. As others in the public comments section have expressed in more detail, the large clearcuts and shelter cuts, the building of logging roads, and related activities will destroy or disturb sensitive songbird and mammal habitat, damage watershed protection at a time when the forest is slowly recovering from earlier human-caused damage. These woods are a rare and fragile resource that need protection. At a time when climate change is a major concern, the trees in this forest are more valuable for carbon sequestration and storage than as timber. The proposal is at odds with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to conserve mature and old-growth forest on federal lands.

There is no compelling reason to carry out this project but many compelling reasons not to.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ted Vogt