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Comments: Hello Panel Members

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal. I will say I don't know all the considerations, and with that in mind I want to ask

why allowing cutting of 12000 acres is acceptable in the current climate upheaval?

I have read that this action has been designed to manage watershed, wildlife, and recreational use of the land among other things.

Tho I embrace theses goals as good, I wonder about the drastic cutting that has been proposed to implement this plan. From talking with some foresters I understand the the idea of growth regenerating is still commonly held as true.

And surely something will come back.

BUT, and it's a big one, this assumption and "rule" reflects a stable climate. WE NO LONGER have a STABLE CLIMATE. We CAN'T predict the future based on the past. It is a TERRIBLE time to risk cutting on this scale. There are 2 factors that I hope you will consider.

First, Tress are the pinnacle of carbon sequestration. They, and many other plants, as well as waters, do the work we all so desperately need now on our planet. They not only provide this great store of carbon, but provide many many other benefits, such as watershed management, etc. which you are probably familiar with. And old trees are needed to to anchor resilience in our beloved hills and wild places.

The threat of invasive species is red-lined in our stated. I am seeing invasives arise at alarming rates due to several factors; development, and any thing that disturbs the land, as well as a warmer, wetter climate that supports them, and the fact that they out-compete our native species.

I can't help but feel that disturbing this much land in this manner would produce a far less than looked for result.

Its would be like an engraved invitation to these "foreigners" to take up residence in our lands.

And there is no profit in wrecking our states 2nd most income generating resource - our scenic landscape.

I oppose this plan, and hope you will cancel it's implementation, and look at small, more climate enhancing ways to achieve the goals you have proposed.

Thanks you for your time and consideration,

Cathy Walker