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Comments: I am writing to comment on this poorly conceived and ill-considered logging proposal. I'm a retired science educator, now volunteer wilderness steward and activist, author, and life-long outdoors person. I have fished and camped and hiked throughout the proposed region for decades, and I believe that the huge scale of this project is troublesome (to say the least!) USFS can do better!

Here are a few key points that USFS should consider:

1. Thoughtfully listen to all interests, including Tribes and conservationists, sports folk, fisher and hunters, and not just the extractive economic side.
2. If you truly will do #1 above, USFS must then focus on legitimate restoration needs and less on extensive logging and extraction.
3. USFS must also respect and honor the tremendous diversity and complexity of this landscape. This will entail careful surveys and a thorough analysis in order to craft a valid, ecologically sound proposal.
4. Paramount in this process should be the protection of large trees and old growth stands. These trees sequester more CO2 and provide more valuable habitat than younger, less mature trees. They have proven to be valuable survivors!
5. Additionally, USFS must also prioritize habitat for fish and wildlife, maintaining and enhancing the bio-diversity inherent in this area.

I also ask that USFS assess the area carefully and NOT build new roads, which will further fragment the landscape and disrupt habitats. Road building is not only damaging, it is costly, erosive and harmful to most environmental values, particularly on steep slopes. USFS should thus not log in currently un-roaded landscapes, and especially not in places that are proposed for protection, nor in places of high recreational value, such as stream sides, trail corridors, and steep unstable slopes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. USFS must serve the needs of ALL your constituents, protect valuable resources, and not just cater to extractive industries.