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Comments: Logging, road construction, skid trails degrade and fragment habitat for rare and imperiled species that prefer old and interior forests, and risk harming downstream communities. The Northern Long-eared Bat is a federally- endangered species that prefers older forests is likely within the project area and is planning to log forests when bats would be most vulnerable. In addition to their impacts on habitat, logging threatens to introduce invasive species, worsen local water quality, and heighten the risk of flooding.