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Before the trees start to fall in a very large operation that is proposed by the forest service there are questions that should be answered.

How much money has been spent on the planning of this cut?

How much money will be spent on the roads and bridges that will need to be built?

How much money will be spent on the management of the operation?

How much money will be spent on town and state roads that will be used to truck the wood?

How much money will be spent in the future to maintain the roads and bridges that will be built?

How much money will be spent on, Effects associated with non-native invasive species, including treatment and control?

What are the inflation costs over the life of the project?

The above are a few of the economic negatives, totaling how many dollars? _\$_____

Next, we need to know the market value of the wood that will be harvested to determine if this operation will be cost effective.

You have stated in the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project report dated July 2023, that the 'proposed silvicultural treatments are needed to provide a sustainable yield of high-quality timber products' This would tell that there is not at this time a valuable wood crop to be harvested.

Again, asking for the value of the wood to be harvested? _\$_____

Now we must think about the climate that we are now entering with more severe storms increases in droughts. Were these factors taken into consideration? In the building of the roads and bridges? In the expected re-growth of the forest? Repair to damaged infrastructure? What will these cost be? _\$_____

The Forest Service report states:

Issues Not Considered for Detailed Analysis

Several issues and resources were addressed through project design, including design elements, the incorporation of forest plan standards and guidelines, and in timber contract provisions therefore, the following issues were not analyzed in detail:

* Effects of project activities on vegetation, which are addressed in the Purpose and Need and

Proposed Action sections of this document.

* Effects associated with non-native invasive species, including treatment and control.

* Effects associated with roads and access, traffic, and engineering.

* Effects to fire potential, fuels, and air quality.

* Socioeconomic effects including contributions to local and regional economies.

The effects of vegetation management on scenery resources was identified as an issue warranting detailed analysis and is discussed in the following section.

I am opposed to this operation in this size as it does not seem to be an economic benefit in the short or long term.

I am opposed to this operation due to the effects not considered for detailed analysis, with the potential for very negative effects.