Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/29/2023 4:00:00 AM First name: Tracy Last name: Ripkey Organization: Title: Comments: I would like to know how this project is in alignment to the recent initiative that President Biden and VP Harris signed on Earth Day 2023, with New Steps for Climate Resilience and Forest Conservation.

Specifically, has this area been studied for old growth, and has there been a comprehensive study to the impact such a project will have on the climate, and are these studies current?

I am also concerned with the impact regarding the areas high recreation use in all seasons, and has various stake holders been consulted on this project?

Finally, I am concerned about the surrounding areas, and potential impact due to runoff, drainage and erosion caused by such a project.