Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/24/2023 1:25:35 AM First name: Jennifer Last name: Wiley Organization: Title: Comments: I strongly advocate for the No Cut Alternative in the EA. These are my major reasons and concerns:

The slowness of the political process that converts an Executive Order into policy. The Executive Order #14072 calling for the protection of old growth and mature forests on Federal Public Lands has not yet been implemented. My hope is that EO #14072 would not allow the SVMP to be executed.

The speed of climate change is making the predictions of silva culture less probable. We need to use the Precautionary Principle and stop interfering with the natural evolution of the forest and not move ahead with the SVMP.

Western science has learned about the essential role that old and mature forests have in mitigating climate change, supporting biodiversity, and protecting water quality. Logging has a destructive and disruptive effect on forest ecosystems no matter how well intentioned. This impacts soil, trees, plants, wildlife, water, and air. Stopping the SVMP will preserve these values that nature provides.

Logging has a negative effect on recreational experience, ranging from it's fun aspects to it's spiritual values. This includes both when the logging is active as well as after it's completed. Recreational activity will also be both protected and enhanced by stopping the SVMP.