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Comments: I am writing to express my strong dissent regarding the proposed logging activities in the Cove-Mallard Roadless Area. After carefully reviewing the information provided by Friends of the Clearwater and considering the ecological significance of this pristine wilderness, I firmly believe that logging in this area would be detrimental to both the environment and the communities that rely on it.

The Cove-Mallard Roadless Area is a critical habitat for numerous species of wildlife, some of which are threatened or endangered. It serves as a refuge for biodiversity, offering a sanctuary for species that depend on undisturbed forests for survival. Logging in this area would disrupt delicate ecosystems, fragment habitats, and threaten the survival of these species.

Furthermore, the Cove-Mallard Roadless Area plays a crucial role in mitigating climate change. Its intact forests act as carbon sinks, sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and helping to regulate the global climate. By logging these forests, we would not only release stored carbon but also diminish the area's ability to absorb future emissions, exacerbating the climate crisis.

Additionally, the Cove-Mallard Roadless Area provides invaluable recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts, including hiking, camping, fishing, and wildlife watching. These activities not only contribute to the local economy but also foster a deep appreciation for the natural world and promote physical and mental well-being.

I urge you to reconsider the proposal to log the Cove-Mallard Roadless Area and instead prioritize its protection for future generations. Conservation efforts should focus on preserving our remaining wild spaces, not exploiting them for short-term economic gain. We have a responsibility to act as stewards of the land, safeguarding it for its intrinsic value and for the benefit of all life on Earth.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Kammers