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This is basically a repeat of my previous concerns.

I am a joint property owner in the area.

I oppose this project for many reasons, listing only a few below.

I grew up in this area enjoying hunting, fishing and hiking. As a kid playing in these mountains in the 1960's and 1970's it was easy to see the damage from logging that had occurred in the 1920's & 1930's. That was a time when large equipment wasn't used to remove the downed trees, etc. It is easy to see the damage today when you walk through the forest. The equipment being used in today's logging industry will no doubt lead to extraordinary devastation the soil, the habitat for wildlife and natural beauty of the area.

The terrain in many areas where the timber is located is extremely steep; any disturbance to tree canopy and the soil will cause significant erosion; increase the possibility of landslides and flooding for years to come.

Roads built for access to the timber will become sources of soil erosion; the silt will most likely end up in the streams, harming fish and aquatic life.

Use of herbicides will have a negative impact on the wildlife, vegetation and will remain in the ecosystem for many years.

Disturbed areas will be susceptible invasive plants taking over. The "right diversity balance" may never be achieved.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and concerns.