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Comments: Thank you for listening the voice of the people in the area and beyond about this proposed project. I am supporting alternative #3 to leave the forest untouched.

I am opposed to the clear cutting proposal. Our property is along one of the creeks coming off the mountain that feeds into Osborne Creek. We already have flooding issues when we have extended periods of rain. Our creek banks have eroded over the past few years as well.

Clear cutting will also impact the habits of wildlife. In our area, we have bald eagles, rattlesnakes, deer, black bear, and much more. If these habits are disturbed or destroyed, this will cause a real issue with these animals.

Instead of clear cut, I support developing more usable spaces for the community and others to enjoy OUR forest. We enjoy horseback riding and hiking across the road from our farm. If the mountain is clear cut, the natural beauty will be destroyed. Developing usable space will help the local economy. Our nature is one of the greatest draws to the area. We have some of the most beautiful mountains, overviews, water features, and arches.

Clear cutting will not benefit the local economy. Although there are claims for jobs during the process of the clear cutting, these jobs are short term. Logging equipment will also damage the roads in our area. We finally have highway 92 finished, why should we have all the heavy equipment on the roadways?

OUR forest needs to be maintained with great stewardship and used for the natural beauty God created. There is nothing usable or beautiful about a clear cut area, especially when the land is destroyed in the process.