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Comments: I am concerned that this plan is taking far too many trees, and not leaving large enough areas of deep forest to protect rare and endangered species. There is so little area of unbroken forest for our forest birds. Also, tree-of-heaven is already rampant in the general area, and clear-cutting will let it take over more area. I'm concerned about slope stability with heavy logging; this area is prone to landslides and with fewer trees to suck up the water, the problem will be exacerbated. Lastly, mature forest is a good holder of carbon -- we shouldn't be cutting large trees in large numbers.