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Comments: Within the Eel River Late Successional Reserve on the Mad River Ranger District of Six Rivers National Forest, the Rattail Vegetation Management ("logging and roadbuilding") Project proposes to construct and utilize 5 miles of roads in a 2.3-square-mile area with over 50 landings.

This proposal more than likely will even further degrade the already-impaired Mad and Van Duzen River watersheds. It especially will degrade further or even destroy habitat for one of the area's few remaining reproductive northern spotted owl pairs.

I strongly urge the USFS to reject this destructive proposal.