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Comments: Commercial logging in old-growth forests should not be an option nor should that practice be considered beneficial for the health of the forest system. The practice of "thinning" by removing a certain percentage of timber results in (a) reduction in the forest system's ability to adapt to weather extremes, (b) introduces invasive plants that are more prone to filling the under story with "fuel" that increasing fire risk, and (c) significant soil compaction that weakens remaining native trees/shrubs/plants. An old growth forest has developed a biological balance or homeostasis. If you walk through such a woods you will notice how little change there is in plant diversity and how few invasives are present. Logging destroys this natural balance.

Revisions to the environmental impact statement are needed to help protect and preserve our valued natural areas. Thank you