Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2024 5:22:56 PM First name: Laurie Last name: Solomon Organization: Title: Comments: I am writing to comment on the Little Salmon Timber Sale.

Thank you for considering and finally agreeing to drop over 2,000 acres from this experimental tree thinning /fuels reduction project in the beautiful Little Salmon Watershed, a diverse and unique transitional forest that sits between wet westside forests and dry eastside forests, which I often enjoy hiking through what is becoming more and more rare these days.

I trust that the intention to also include road decommissioning, repairing unauthorized public-created trails, and repairing stream crossings impacted by abandoned temporary roads will come to fruition as a meaningful part of this project.

I respectfully ask you to continue protecting this area from the predictable effects of climate-change; Do what is needed to protect this rare mature forest please; Please continue your efforts to preserve mature forests to lower the risk of future wildfires, by dropping the remaining 549 acres of complex mature forested areas from your harvest plans.

To be completely successful in preventing forest fire, this would entail protecting all Douglas-firs trees with a 30" diameter or more in matrix stands.

It will also require providing a no-cut buffer of 1.5 to 2 drip lines on all trees with a 40" diameter or more to protect their root systems from the negative impacts of heavy machinery during the harvest operations.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.