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Comments: RE: Little White Salmon Project # 63691 As a tree planter of many years...and having worked in the logging industry, I well know the difficulty our Western forest now face. Too much harvesting, too much road building, and add to that, the negative effects of global warming. Recently, a heat dome in the Pacific NW, with temps of 115 degrees (at 3,500' elevation) snuffed out the life of all the seedling we hand planted. Therefore because of these adverse changes, our forests are losing their ability to regenerate themselves...as easily as they did say 50-75 years ago. So I would ask the Forest Service to be especially good stewards of that which has been entrusted to them. Therefore please: Drop the 549 acres of remaining complex forests from the harvest plans.; protect all Douglas-firs with a 30" diameter or more: and provide 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 heavy equipment.