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Comments: I have been made aware of proposed timber sales in the Little White Salmon watershed and of some concerns relayed by the Cascade Forest Conservancy. As you know, this area is in a transitional forest, between wet and dry sides of the Washington Cascades, and because of that it may not adapt in the same way that other types of forest do.

Because of this, we are hoping that some adjustments to the plan can be made. These are the suggestions that have been requested.

3) 1) Drop the 549 acres of remaining complex mature forests from the harvest plans;

2) Protect all Douglas-fir trees with a 30" diameter or more in matrix stands; and

3) 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 the negative impacts of heavy machinery.

THank you for considering.

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