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Comments: I'm a small-forest landowner in rural Thurston County on Washington's west side. For the past 4 years I've been working to get the State DNR to stop logging mature and older forests. I was recently made aware of planned management activities in the Little White Salmon watershed. I can appreciate your desire to improve forest health, resistance and resilience that are in evidence from what I've read of your goals. For example, I was glad to see that 2,351 acres of mature and old-growth forest have been dropped from the project. While this is a significant improvement, I encourage you to also drop the remaining 549 acres of complex mature forest from the harvest plan. In addition, I ask that you protect all Douglas-fir with a DBH = 30" in matrix stands, and provide a no-cut buffer of 1.5 to 2 drip lines on all trees with a DBH = 40" to protect the root systems from the negative impacts of heavy machinery. Thank you for your time, Paul Butler