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Comments: I am concerned that opening the forest with logging will heat and dry the forest floor and make it more wind prone. I walked in a National Forest clearcut recently. It was scoured of snow. The adjacent intact forest had 6 to 10 inches of snow. Windy! And very dry for the plants trying to regenerate there. Blowdown, uncollected woody debris and unburned slash piles created - and did not relieve - fire hazard.

Logging access will fragment habitat, intolerable for many sensitive species, and invite in people - who can cause fires and disturbance. Scenery, soil, water and wildlife disturbance and loss will occur.

Carbon storage will be lost. Chainsaw emissions, slash pile burning and the transportation demands of logging unacceptably do not meet Forest Service climate protection goals.

Please follow the science that has determined that climate and weather - not fuels - are primary wildfire factors.

Please do not waste tax payer funds for unnecessary projects that worsen, not help, fire prone forests.