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Comments: Please save the bioacoustics program. Please save the watershed monitoring program (AREMP).
I have served with one of these, and assisted with the other as a technician. They have been some of the most
incredible experiences of my life. If it were not for these programs, I would not be the person I am today! But the
intrinsic value it has provided me is, obviously, not what these programs have been created for. However - they
excel at the tasks that they have been lent. Both the bioacoustics and watershed monitoring programs are some
of the longest running, most highly regarded programs of their kind in the world. What makes us great? Why are
we great as a country? I think it has a lot to do with our curiosity and attachment to our lands. When we dash our
curiosity and foresake our lands, we are standing in opposition to the currents that have carried us to this point in
history - brought here by so many wise people who have come before. Wildlife monitoring has historically been
labor-intensive and limited in scope. This project revolutionizes how we study species over large landscapes,
enabling researchers to detect trends that would otherwise go unnoticed. These data are essential for informing
biodiversity conservation strategies, and endangered species recovery plans. As climate change alters
ecosystems, long-term datasets like those generated by this project become even more critical. They provide a
unique opportunity to track shifts in species distributions and seasonal behaviors, helping scientists and land
managers develop adaptive management strategies. The scale and longevity of this project provide a unique
opportunity for cross-sector collaboration, offering valuable insights for wildlife agencies, conservation groups,
and academic institutions alike. Supporting this initiative means investing in the future of biodiversity monitoring
and conservation. Please - save our scientists.