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Comments: Dear Ranger Dowling

I am sorry I am a day short to submit comments for the initial scoping period for the East Valley Logging project.

I am concerned that there would be no further opportunity for public comment on this project as it progresses, the scope and scale of it appears so large. Please, a more comprehensive review and specific alternatives should be allowed.

I am also concerned about that old growth forest areas be absolutely conserved. Old growth forest areas exist for much the reason they have resisted fire and therefore its spread for much than our own recorded history. It is hypocritical to claim fire risk reduction when any old growth forest is compromised. I suggest also an alternative to conserve what old growth forest remains as well as efforts to promote more areas to simulate old growth characteristics such as "park like" settings where the largest trees remain without thick understory.

I am also concerned about adherence to the Clinton era Roadless Rule which protect the Swan Front and that this project be not used as a tool to violate it.

Thank you for your allowance for my comments to be a few hours late!