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Comments: I am submitting this comment to raise specific legal concerns regarding the Canyon Forest Restoration Project (#62260):

Endangered Species Act (ESA): The project admits it will "likely adversely affect" Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and Bull Trout critical habitat. It is unclear whether the Forest Service has completed the required jeopardy and adverse modification analyses.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): This 1,838-acre project, with over 11 miles of temporary roads, multiple threatened species, and intensive logging, warrants a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Forest Service rejected analyzing alternatives that would avoid impacts to older, fire-regenerated stands.

Clean Water Act (CWA): The project impacts the Dungeness municipal watershed and a river segment already impaired for temperature. Sediment from roads and logging, and the loss of riparian vegetation, threaten water quality.

National Forest Management Act (NFMA): Logging 80-164-year-old fire-regenerated, structurally diverse stands may violate NFMA's requirements to maintain forest diversity and viable wildlife populations.

Arbitrary and Capricious Action: Labeling this as "restoration" while admitting it will degrade 1,988 acres of habitat and remove 25 acres of dispersal habitat is contradictory and may be pretextual.

I request the Forest Service fully address these legal concerns before proceeding.