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Comments: Please return to the drawing board with the Canyon Forest Restoration Project.

This project, labeled as a "restoration" treatment, would extract 19+ million board feet of timber, half from stands that were never clearcut and exhibit "great diversity of species, age and habitat structure" according to the Forest Service's own documents.

Since 2022, when your agency first sketched out this project, it has only gotten worse, involving more disturbance via roads and harvests. Among the violations of federal law are the following:

Endangered Species Act concerns: Your agency admits this will "likely adversely affect" Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and Bull Trout critical habitat. How would this be compatible with the goal to grow back these populations?

NEPA violations: This scale of project (2,000 acres, 11+ miles of roads, multiple threatened species) requires a full Environmental Impact Statement, not just an EA which summarily rejected alternatives that would protect fire-regenerated stands.

Clean Water Act: This proposal affects the Dungeness municipal watershed and a river segment already listed as impaired for temperature. Sediment from roads and loss of riparian vegetation will threaten water quality through a variety of mechanisms, including increased solar gain, algal growth and decay, and sediment blockage and invasion plant incursion which slow flows.

National Forest Management Act: Logging naturally diverse, fire-regenerated stands (80-164 years old) contradicts requirements to maintain forest diversity and viable wildlife populations.

The federal laws override any Executive branch directive...please do not add to the pile of court injunctions already stacked up by the current administration.