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Comments: I am writing because I have concerns about the Canyon Forest Restoration Project.

#1 Endangered Species Act concerns: The Forest Service admits this will "likely adversely affect" Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and Bull Trout critical habitat. Will this jeopardize species' continued existence?

#2 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. The Forest Service considered but rejected analyzing alternatives that would protect fire-regenerated stands.

#3 Clean Water Act: This affects the Dungeness municipal watershed and a river segment already listed as impaired for temperature. Sediment from roads and loss of riparian vegetation threatens water quality.

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

#5 Arbitrary and capricious decision-making: Calling this "restoration" while admitting it will "degrade 1,988 acres of habitat" and "remove 25 acres of dispersal habitat" is contradictory and pretextual. This is probably my biggest concern - arbitrary and capricious decision making - we can do better and need to do better than this.