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Comments: I oppose and urge you to stop the proposed Canyon Forest Restoration Project for the following reasons:

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.

Endangered Species Act concerns: The Forest Service admits this will "likely adversely affect" Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and Bull Trout critical habitat. Actions that will jeopardize these species' continued existence cannot be allowed.

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.

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

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 gift to the lumber industry misnamed as a restoration project must not happen. There is too much to lose if it does. We must preserve at least 30% of species and their habitat to have a livable future. Keeping this forested area intact is a critical part of accomplishing that.