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I strongly oppose the Canyon Forest Restoration Project. Indeed, this is not a restoration project, but, instead a massive logging and clear-cut operation.

This project represents arbitrary and capricious decision-making: the plan clearly admits that it would "degrade 1,988 acres of habitat" and "remove 25 acres of dispersal habitat," but falsely and deceptively labels it "restoration." Shame on you for this intentional public deceit!

The Canyon Forest Restoration Project violates the National Environmental Policy Act. This 2,000 acre project, which threatens multiple species and includes over 11 miles of road, mandates a full Environmental Impact Statement, rather than an Environmental Assessment. Shamefully, the Forest Service rejected analysis of alternatives protecting fire-regenerated stands.

In violation of the National Forest Management Act, with its requirements to maintain forest diversity and viable wildlife populations, the Canyon Forest Restoration Project would log 80-164 years old fire-regenerated tree stands.

In violation of the Clean Water Act, the Canyon Forest Restoration Project adversely impacts both the Dungeness municipal watershed and a river segment already listed as temperature-impaired. Loss of riparian vegetation in addition to road sediment threaten water quality.

The Canyon Forest Restoration Project raises concerns about the Endangered Species Act, with the Forest Service acknowledging that it will likely adversely impact critical habitat for the Marbled Murrelet, the Northern Spotted Owl, and Bull Trout, perhaps jeopardizing their very existence.

In summary, I strongly oppose the Canyon Forest Restoration Project for its overwhelmingly negative impact on our environment here in Clallam County; please cancel this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tammy Dziadek