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Comments: I am speaking out against the Canyon Forest Restoration project.

Washington as a state has a beautiful and unique forestry system that should be protected at all costs. I come from Louisiana and when I first moved here and started hiking, I was amazed by what forests can actually look like. I am disappointed to see this state participating in these timber grabs. I wish those working in the industry could understand how rare these areas are now. You should be proud of the forests you still have, not log them.

This project threatens the following:

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?

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.

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.

Stop prioritizing the short-term over the long-term benefits of these forest areas.