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Comments: Please consider this message as my comment on the Canyon Forest Restoration #62260 project. I was born in Ellensburg, Washington, and first visited the Olympic National Forest around 1957. I returned again in 1960 for my summer job.

I urge the Forest Service to abandon the project as proposed, entailing the demolition of old growth forest. I believe the restoration project should concentrate on forests most in need, namely even-aged plantations that were previously cut. Recovering natural forests should be left alone to recuperate by natural processes.

This project is of such scope and size, and would degrade habitats for ESA-listed species, it should be addressed in a full environmental impact statement in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. With an EIS in hand, the Forest Service will be in a position to make a reasoned decision.