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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am a senior wetland and wildlife biologist with over 15 years of experience in restoration and environmental assessments. I believe that this project should require a more indepth environmental review by a third party environmental consultant prior to moving forward. In my opinion, the forest being considered for thinning is already on it's way to becoming a healthy old growth forest because it has diverse structure, a variety of species, large woody debris, and snags. It is not a good candidate for thinning, nor does it need thinning to become more functional in the long run. Additionally, the "temporary" roads being proposed would be to its detriment. We have so few acres of old growth in this state, please consider letting this forest continue on its path to recovery - naturally. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

~Jill Cooper