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Comments: The Forest Service has issued a rambling, incomprehensible draft EA and unsupported FONSI which makes a mockery of the Northwest Forest Plan. Even the graphics are of unusually poor quality.

The process undertaken to produce these documents was and is designed to circumvent public involvement.

This is a timber grab of commercially valuable trees that will degrade habitat for endangered species and only improve the financial interests of the logging company and CEOs of timber products companies. It will probably get good performance reviews for Forest Service employees in the local hierarchy so they can move up the hierarchy and out of the region, leaving local residents to deal with a denuded Forest that is prone to increased wildfires because of little shading from large trees and increased low level fuels of grasses, shrubs, and small diameter trees.

The proposed treatments will not only degrade habitat for terrestrial animals, they will ruin aquatic habitat for endangered fishes.

There are economic benefits to forests other than timber sales; water retention and filtration, carbon sequestration, recreation and tourism, sustained biodiversity, and many others.

This entire project needs to be re-examined. I am opposed to it as it stands.