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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Buck Hollow Proposal recently announced by the U.S. Forest Service. While I understand the agency's mandate to manage public lands for multiple uses, I believe this project poses significant risks to the ecological health, recreational value, and long-term sustainability of our forests. The trash clean up would be a great benefit to all parties.

The proposed work would remove mature tree stands, disturb wildlife habitat, and increase erosion and sedimentation in nearby waterways. These impacts threaten not only the biodiversity of the area but also the recreational opportunities that our communities depend on.

I am particularly concerned that the deforestation along forest road 4146 would bring down property values of the neighboring privately owned land. Public lands belong to all Americans, and decisions about their management should prioritize long-term ecological integrity over short-term economic gains.

I urge the Forest Service to halt or reconsider this project and instead pursue management strategies that focus on restoration, wildfire resilience through prescribed burns (however our local forests do not propose a significant threat of forest fires), and the protection of old-growth and mature forests. These approaches better align with climate goals, wildlife conservation, and the public's interest in healthy, resilient landscapes.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to your response and to seeing the Forest Service take a leadership role in protecting our nation's forests for future generations.

Sincerely,

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