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Comments: Hello,

I'm following up on my initial comment on this project. I'm restating my observation that all timber harvests have negative impacts on forests. They increase, dramatically, the risk of introducing invasive species such as the jumping worms that have devastating effects on the soil and biodiversity of the forest floor. The machinery used to for timber harvests strips the soil, which reduces the amount of carbon a forest is capable of containing and also reduces resilience to invasive species, disease, and forest fire. Managed forests are both more likely to burn and less likely to recover after. The disruption to vegetation and soil also reduces the forest's ability to absorb water run off, increasing flooding in the area and contributing further to soil erosion. There is no safe sustainable way to increase timber harvest of a conservation area that does not run directly contrary to the very point of habitat conservation.

Thank you for your time.