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Comments: I have lived on Eagle creek road for 35 years. This project will affect all Eagle creek residents for decades to come. There is no doubt that the surrounding forests are overgrown and need fuels reduction to decrease wildfire danger. My concerns are that this project seems rushed and does not adequately address negative environmental concerns at all. In fact it has already been labeled "no environmental adverse affects " without providing data for how this will be done. Several issues have not been addressed or described. The following are concerns I have as an eagle creek resident directly adjacent to the project:

1. Traffic. Logging crews have already begun daily commuting on Eagle creek road. This traffic will greatly increase once the work begins. Eagle creek road is a small , two lane road used by residents and recreationalists. No traffic mitigation is listed in the plan.
2. View scape and noise. The acreage that will be logged, thinned, and burned is within the eyes and ears of the residents of Eagle creek road.
3. Logging techniques. There is no mention of whether the logging will be from the top down or vice versa. Lifting or dragging logs has a tremendous effect on the land.
4. Road building. The plan states 4 additional miles of roads will be built but does not say where. There is also no mention of how these resources roads will be decommissioned after the project work is complete.
5. Water source protection. Both Eagle and Vann creeks are small perennial creeks. Even a small amount of soil and debris runoff from logging operations will greatly affect water quality. Additionally, there are 3 natural ponds and wetlands in the drainage. There is no mention of how these resources will be protected in the plan.
6. Burn techniques and timing. The plan states that the entire acreage will either have controlled burns or pile burning, without listing the safety standards for these, or specifying which acreage will have which techniques used.
7. There is no mention of how these resources acreage will be rehabilitated after the logging is complete. Will native plants and seedlings be replanted? Will roads be decommissioned? Will any damage to water sources be rehabilitated?

Sincerely,

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