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Comments: To quote the Lorax, I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues. I urge you to abandon the Anvil Vegetation Management Project. There is no "emergency" facing our national forests. Trump loyalist Brooke Rollins took control of the Department of Agriculture to slash environmental review, cutting public oversight, and pressuring Forest Service staff to speed up timber sales. This is a crime against the American people.

The Mt. Hood Forest Service has cited two primary reasons for applying the Emergency Action Determination to the Anvil project: uncharacteristically severe wildfires and insect and disease outbreaks. But neither of these reasons hold up under closer inspection.

I own a cabin on Mt. Hood and spend much of my time in the forest up there. The area is a pristine gift to Oregon and should be preserved so the fish and wildlife who live there can thrive.

Here are my questions for you:

What kind of mitigation is the FS trying to achieve?

Do all the proposed actions fit within one of AEA categories?

Does commercial thinning fit under one of these descriptions?

If not, does the FS explain why a proposed action not obviously on the list is an AEA?

Are all the proposed actions being implemented "in order to achieve relief from hazards to human health and threats to natural resources"?

Does the FS explain what the threat or hazard is and what kind of relief of mitigation will be achieved?

How will the proposed actions achieve "relief from hazards threatening human health and safety and threats to natural resources"?

The FS reasoning doesn't add up. I demand that you abandon this project.