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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Benchmark Vegetation Management Project. I am concerned that the Benchmark Project's large-scale logging and thinning proposals will damage wildlife habitat, biodiversity, soil and water resources, scenic values, and recreational opportunities while accelerating the loss of mature and old-growth forest. And I question whether the projects fire risk reduction benefits are realistic given limited prescribed burning, the creation of additional slash piles and the growing abundance of dense young trees following past timber sales. Overall, I believe protecting remaining mature forests and dense habitat is essential for sustaining forest resilience, tourism, and sensitive species, such as goshawks and Martens.