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Comments: Dear District Ranger and Forest Supervisor,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Flat Tail Project on our national forest land. While I recognize the complex challenges managing our public lands today, this project raises serious concerns regarding environmental degradation, wildlife habitat disruption, and the circumvention of thorough public and scientific review.

Key Concerns

Ecosystem and Wildlife Impacts: The project risks causing lasting harm to local watershed health, old-growth characteristics, and sensitive wildlife corridors. Industrial-scale activities or heavy timber treatments in these areas threaten native biodiversity.

Erosion of Safeguards: Rushing projects or utilizing emergency exemptions to bypass vital environmental safeguards-such as comprehensive Endangered Species Act analyses-undermines the integrity of public land stewardship.

Public Participation: Healthy forest management requires robust, transparent public collaboration rather than expedited planning processes that shut local communities and conservation advocates out of critical decisions.

Recommendation: I urge the U.S. Forest Service to halt the Flat Tail Project in its current form. Instead, the agency should focus resources on genuine climate resilience, non-commercial fuels reduction directly adjacent to communities, and transparent scientific monitoring.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service in managing our public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Detar