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Oh wow, an emergency, you say. How lucky for the Forest Service that every time a giant logging project needs to skip public oversight, an "emergency" magically appears. Truly remarkable timing. Almost mystical.

We're supposed to believe that 7,870 acres of cutting, 10.8 miles of brand-new roads, and nearly 80 miles of haul-road upgrades are just innocent "vegetation treatments." Sure. And I guess the 4.6 miles of temporary roads will just sprout wings and fly away when you're done.

Calling this the "last public comment opportunity" while fast-tracking a massive industrial project is peak government transparency. Very bold to admit you're bypassing the normal review process and then pretend this is meaningful public engagement.

If this were actually about protecting communities, you'd be focusing on home-adjacent fuels work, not carving up forest miles away from structures. But apparently the real emergency is that timber targets need help.

The EA and draft FONSI read like they were written with one hand while the other was already revving up the logging equipment. Cumulative impacts? Wildlife fragmentation? Watershed damage? Climate-driven fire behavior? Nah - just stamp "no significant impact" on it and call it a day.

I oppose the Swamped Project. Stop using "emergency" declarations as a cheat code for industrial logging.