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Comments:

Environmental impact of deforestation

Dear Mr. Melonas and others,

I believe there should be a site specific Environmental Impact Study done for a project with such significant impacts to determine the effects on the human environment, on roadless areas and on the wildlife. I am also concerned about the effects on the soil, as you are talking of removing huge amounts of organic matter in taking out those trees that took hundreds of years to grow, and who knows if the land would ever fully recover. Experts and experience shows our best path to stem off climate change is planting trees, and to end deforestation.

The FS is exacerbating the greatest problem of our time, and at the same time destroying the natural beauty of our region. This is public land, and it is required by law that the FS listen to the people, and everyone I know opposes this project. At the very least an Environmental Impact Study should be required.

Thank you for your consideration,

Blair Thrall

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