The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service has developed a proposed environmental impact statement (EIS) for the South Half of the George Washington National Forest. This EIS will be used to make decisions about land and resource management activities in the South Half of the forest.

The EIS includes information about the current condition of the forest, the proposed alternatives, and the expected impacts of those alternatives. The alternatives include: Alternative A - No Action, Alternative B - Selective Harvesting, and Alternative C - Selective Harvesting with Ecosystem Management.

The proposed alternatives are designed to provide a balance between conservation and resource extraction activities. Alternative C is expected to have the greatest environmental impact, while Alternative B is expected to have the least.

The EIS is available for public review and comment until [insert date]. Comments can be submitted online at the Forest Service’s website or by mail to the address provided in the EIS.

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