The Ashford III improved forest management project is located in the mixed montane forests of the Western Washington Cascades, on the slopes of Mount Rainier. The 520-acre site is managed to protect a structurally complex old-growth conifer forest that provides habitat for thirteen species considered at-risk by state and federal resource agencies, including northern spotted owls. The forest comprises Douglas fir, western hemlock, and western red cedar, and has been managed as industrial timberland since the 1940s. This project removes the threat of additional timber harvest and stream siltation, and ensures future restoration. Because the project is crediting new growth, the credits being offered are considered carbon removals.