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- I just read the overview for revisions to the above forests plans. Several actions were proposed. One of them in particular caught my eye: Provides for treatment of up to 64,500 acres annually for multiple objectives, including up to 10,000 acres of timber harvest to improve vegetative conditions that maintain or move the Forests toward desired conditions for forested ecosystems, and reduce fuels to address the wildfire crisis. Clearcutting 10,000 acres of timber does not “improve vegetative conditions” for anything, especially moving the Forests “toward desired conditions for forested ecosystems.” This is greenwashing. Clearcutting 10,000 acres of timber, does, however reduce fuels to address the wildfire crisis. It reduces timber to stumps, preventing fires in anything except the leftover slash and whatever weeds and scrub brush may replace the trees. This is a lousy plan.

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