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Comments: Let's focus on the carbon content and equivalent CO2 that would be released from the trees harvested from 12,000 acres, at a time we should be removing legacy CO2 emissions from the past burning of coal, oil and gas (which were released with impunity) as well as the CO2 equivalent of methane leaked or released from wells, gathering systems, defective flares and permafrost that thaws as a result of Arctic warming.

Legacy greenhouse gas "excess" in the atmosphere and oceans is a huge problem. The "excess" is what caused terrestrial and atmospheric warming and ocean acidification. If human activities including harvesting trees add to the legacy carbon, they exacerbate humanity's demise.

If the following recommended action is not taken, you who reads this will be part of the problem-you will be held accountable for suffering and death of affected billions.

RECOMMENDATION: Anybody who cuts down a tree or forest should be responsible for the equivalent certified removal of the carbon equivalent of the tree(s). Tree extraction industry should be held accountable for the ultimate release of the CO2 and finance the actual Direct Carbon Removal (DCA). Proof of the DCA and its efficacy should be presented in advance of cutting down the tree(s)-no tree or forest should be harvested without verified DCA prior to harvesting.

Without prior proof of DCA, no cutting allowed. PERIOD.