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Comments: The National Wildfire Institute and a wide range of conservation leaders (see the 73 names in attachment) believe that the proposed amendment is extremely short-sighted. America's forests are already clogged up. The futility of trying to save or emphasize late successional and old-growth forests is only going to succeed if [a] the adverse effects of unplanned wildfires are minimized through expanded forest maintenance and [b] knowing the way to accomplish this requires implementation of the attached A Call to Action - including the declaration of a national emergency. We believe the basic principles of A Call to Action should be part of any proposed legislation, including a more contemporary Organic Act, addressing unplanned wildfires and forest maintenance. We can help.

ATTACHMENT: Letter Call to Action to Congress - Letter to 16 members of Congress regarding The Wildfire document "A Call to Action"