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Comments: I am aware of the fact that USFS operates pursuant to the National Forest Management Act and a set of regulations developed during the past decades. The NFMA requires the forests to be managed according to "multiple use" - which includes logging. In my opinion however, considering the delicate climate and changes in weather patterns (severe rain storms, increased tornados, highest temperatures in recorded history, etc.) in the near future it just might not be the right time to clear cut or prescribe burns to vast areas in the National Forest. It seems to me that the logging or burning process would disturb forest floors so much that heavy rainstorms would erode the soil. Run off would pollute the watershed and cause many problems in the waterways.

Also, referring back to the delicate climate and weather changes, trees seem to be more vital now than ever. Vital for their shade, filtering system, cleaning the air and providing oxygen. Therefore I am opposed to clear cutting in large acreages of the forests.

Attached is a graph of carbon dioxide levels recently compiled by Al Roker for the National News. The levels are the highest in history. With the clearing of trees it will surely rise even further.

The comment period should be extended so that people can research and study subject matter pertaining to the Foothills Landscape Project. Due process needs to be carried through.