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Comments: It was just recently stated on the news that the Trump Administration has rolled back land protections like no other President in history. At a time when we should be trying to mitigate climate changes we should be protecting our ecosystems that help do that. Our wild areas with healthy forests and a balanced ecosystem with all predators and prey intact is the only way to ensure we aren't making it worse for the environment. Our oceans are a garbage pit, there is a radiation leak from Japan, ocean mammals dying in unprecedented numbers, overfished oceans, dammed rivers, dirty energy is not the answer but protected our wild spaces is critical at this time. Science has taken another look at our conservation model and see that it is flawed. Predators are more important than we thought and they need these habitats to exist. We are facing diseases that could easily jump to humans and all of this can be slowed or stopped, if we let our predators do their jobs. Our Apex predators keep the prey healthy, other predators keep the rodent population down without using pesticides that kill all animals, even dogs and cats. We need to look at the future and it looks bleak for the next generations. The greed and complacency of the population is destroying our planet. We need to be making bold attempts to protect and restore our forests and wild spaces. When land is turned over to the states or private industry, forests and ecosystems are damaged. That is just the facts. We need to leave the Forest as is.