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Comments: In the last days of the Clinton Administration I not only signed but gathered hundreds of signatures on a petition asking the Forest Service to stop mining, logging and road building in our National Forests. These petitions were turned over to the Clinton Administration via the head of the US Forest Service now retired living in Wisconsin. This issue was reopened for public comment by the Bush administration and the results were then ignored.

I am now even more against the above mentioned actions due to the increased frequency of extreme weather events caused by global climate change. Our forests are the lungs of our planet. They along with our oceans sequester much of the CO<sub>2</sub> that is produced by the burning of fossil fuel and other carbon based materials. The shrinking of these "carbon sinks" is not in the interest of any living beings on Planet Earth.

Allowing further logging and clearing of trees for mining and road building just exacerbates the effects of global climate change and I am against these activities.

The small amount of money the Government receives for the sale of timber and mineral extraction in no way offsets the cost of dealing with the effects of climate change. JM Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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