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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As an American citizen, I am proud of the natural resources our country has placed under public ownership and protection. While I lean libertarian in my politics, I have yet to see the free market capture the negative externalities from extraction of public land. The lumber industry, like the coal industry is waning as the economy matures, and providing special handouts to these aging industries is not a wise intervention. The national forest in question has trees almost 1000 years old, and while that may appear worthy of felling and selling, the loss of revenue for the next 1000 years in terms of tourism, fishing, and other benefits from wild lands far outstrips the permit revenue today.

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