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Comments: Do not change the rules regarding roads and tree harvest because the only reason to do so is to support the lumber industry, which is just a flash in the pan economic contributor who does far more harm than good to any region they work in. Making such a change is antithetical to American values, and would destroy the resource that these lands offer to all Americans. Americans take great pride in knowing that our conservation efforts are admired by many around the world. This sense of pride that is not limited to one party or the other. All Americans know that they can share in the beauty of our national parks and preserves by using the established recreation and/or visiting areas. They know that these places exist in trust to and for future generations. Americans also know the value of our continent in a pristine state. No one wants to travel through a clear cut wasteland to see an acre of what used to be over 6 million of national forest. More importantly, no one wants such a denuded version of this place to exist. Above and beyond beauty, the ecosystems of such places provide benefits which stretch far beyond the immediate locale. Many of our rivers begin as headwaters in national forests and parks. The rocks and soil in the stream bed serve as the first filtration system for much of our drinking water. The trees act as the lungs of our planet. Surely you must know everyone wants clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. The existing rules regarding roads and trees harvesting are just sufficient to keep the promise of our national parks system to preserve the lands for our children. Do not change them in favor of the lumber or any other industry.

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