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Hello,

As I know much of these emails might get overlooked and thrown to the side. I hope some of them do get through to whomever and help make the decision easier.

I personally would love to see this forest be persevered in its entirety. Yes, I understand that money can be made from this forest, besides just logging. Yes, there's several benefits to having this forest be exempt, economically speaking, but for the wildlife that's there and that is supported under the roadless rule won't get these benefits from it.

I'm going to assume, to whoever may read this, that you or you all might know of former presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. These two individuals came to mind when I started to read into this issue. The reason is, they were men of honor, respect, and integrity. They knew what was right and wrong and what needed to be done in order to help everyone as a whole. Persevering the nation, it's people, its wildness, and the pride of its people and the nation as a whole.

I don't think a lot of people understand the importance or magnitude of this topic. Having a forest either undergo changes, such as fire, drought, disease, human manipulation, only weakens the fragile ecosystem which lives in it. Small changes in the present can have big effects in the future. I know, for me personally, I would love to have this untouched and not manipulated for personal or economic gain. I would love to have this for the people now, the people in the future to see what it is and itself as a whole.

With that, I will leave to whomever is going to read this, if people without integrity and respect for either themselves or people around them don't get halted with their plans, will anyone stand for the right thing?

Thank you for your time

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