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Comments: Re: Forest Plan Revision; Nez-Perce-Clearwater National Forests

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to any of the suggested Alternatives of this Plan Revision that involve logging of these forests. Although I object to any disruptions of the grizzly bear habitat, the old growth forests, the aquatic habitat and the roadless areas, my main basis for opposing any alternative that requires more logging/road building in these areas is CLIMATE CHANGE. How can we continue to ignore the signs that we humans have already caused irreparable damage to our planet, our home? That damage has resulted in the undeniable threat to the viability of life on this planet. In light of that knowledge, does it make any sense to continue activities that we know are [middot] going to push us even closer to the edge of the cliff of extermination?

As you folks are no doubt aware, the ability of trees to absorb carbon dioxide, a known base-cause of global warming, is one of the few tools we have left in our fight to keep the planet habitable. As my wife and I have learned over the past 35+ years of managing our timbered acres here in Pine Valley, if we simply leave the trees alone and allow them to "do their thing", our forests will maximize their growth and habitat improvement. Interfering in their natural cycles creates more problems than it solves, resulting in battles that we hardly recognize let alone know how to mitigate.

In these times of uncertainty, with COVID-19 the latest indicator that humans are not in control, we should be erring on the side of caution rather than pushing the limits of what earth can tolerate before it rejects life completely.

Now is the time for us to learn from our past experiences, to start living in harmony with all other life forms rather than attempting to force our version of life on all other life forms. The evidence that our dominating version of life doesn't work is in plain view. We can acknowledge that there are better ways or we can continue down the same path as humans have travelled for thousands of years, with the same result: an uninhabitable planet.. The choice is ours.