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Comments: Our wildernesses are irreplaceable. Unfettered greedy logging operations which damage those wildernesses should be strenuously opposed - this is beyond "profit". This is the survival of the human species, the human soul. Some have already collated the major talking points:

- Due to the huge scale of proposed logging in this proposal, its radical departure from previous Forest Service management direction, its controversial nature, and negative impacts on local communities, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must first be completed.
- The Forest Service must fully weigh the importance of this National Forest for reducing the existential dangers of climate change to both our regional ecosystems and human communities. Logging these forests defeats their carbon sequestration potential for decades to come.
- In the face of extensive and ongoing clearcutting operations on private and state timberlands nearby, the Forest Service must prioritize allowing our National Forest to mature naturally for carbon capture, clean water, sensitive wildlife habitat, and compatible recreation.
- The Forest Service must not construct new logging roads, including so-called "temporary" roads, which act as vectors for invasive weeds and human-caused abuses (including fires), while fragmenting habitat. Instead, the Forest Service should permanently close unneeded decaying roads.

NOT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE MEASURED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS. The true value of wilderness areas is incalculable, and does NOT lie in how many loggable trees they contain. Please. Stop. Just. Stop.