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Comments: - There is no question that a decision of this magnitude requires an Environmental Impact Statement before proceeding. The Republican Administration supposedly abhors governmental overreach. This is a prime example of federal government officials refusing to allow the input of local residents and local government in regards to a decision with potentially very adverse effects on the local citizens and their environment.

- The harm this decision will do to future generations should also be taken into account. Climate change is real - U.S. scientists and scientists around the world agree. Logging these forests is harmful to our ongoing struggle to mitigate the devastating effects of climate change.

- It is short-sighted for the Forest Service to prioritize the profits of a few logging companies over the much broader benefit to thousands of U.S. citizens from keeping the forests intact - including recreation opportunities, enhancement of clean air & clean water.

- Constructing new logging roads also increases the likelihood of human set fires in the area; wildfires are already an extreme hazard in western states, plus financially devastating to local, state, and federal governments.