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Comments: I just read recently about plans to harvest and clear cut and also do prescribed burns in the George Washington National Forest. This is truly a very terrible idea. What we need are more trees not fewer trees and most especially we need old growth trees. These trees are invaluable when it comes to helping with capturing carbon and helping with climate control, which now more than ever really needs a lot of help. Perhaps clearing out some underbrush for fire control might be a necessary action, but just willy nilly removing large swaths (acres) of trees is a very bad idea, and one I can not understand. To me it just sounds like a commercial grab of our very valuable forest, which also help so much with the control of water another vital resource, that needs not to be messed with. Also trees do so much to help with erosion control. which also helps with clean water coming into our stream, creeks, rivers and all water ways. I pray that you will reconsider this and cancel any plans you have to remove large swaths of trees. A bad idea for us all, a bad idea for all of nature that shares this area with man (SOMETHING WE OFTEN FORGET), as we are not the only species who needs this forest to mostly remain intact. This will have a big negative impact, please reconsider Thank you, Eleanor Clark PS I am a Master Gardener in Roanoke since 2000 and a Tree Steward with Roanoke City, but am not representing either group, I am just an informed citizen.