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Comments: This proposal is absurd, and especially so in the current age of intensifying wildfires. Everyone knows that the largest trees are most resistant to fire. Large trees have the thickest bark protecting their cambium from heat and fire. Their crowns are at higher altitude, and their limbs are thicker and less crowded, protecting the crowns from fire. They also shade the forest floor, keeping it moist and limiting the growth of a crowded flammable understory. A forest with large trees also will have fewer trees per acre, meaning less flammable crowding of small trees.

There will be more wildfires of increasing scope in the future. Keeping the largest trees standing will keep our forests from becoming deserts.

The largest trees are also those most critical as habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife.

Your agency's duty is to protect our public forests. Cutting them down is wrong.