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Comments: I want to voice my TOTAL OPPOSITION!!!! To this - Massive Unprecedented Destruction!!!

86,138 acres!!! Almost 10% of the entire Monongahela National Forest!!!

This is truly a Nightmare Scenario - As anyone one with access to global news must know - beyond delusional denial - our Climate is Collapsing!!!

And this Scheme can only Accelerate our Demise!!!

To Quote - just a few of the Experts -

Dominick Della Salla, formerly with the Geos Institute -

"...a big tree...(is)...a big stick of carbon that has been taking up and storing up carbon for centuries.

If...cut down...forests are transformed into carbon emitters."

Climate Scientists have described the Tongass as the "lungs of the country." This is because the Tongass has stored close to a billion tons of climate-warming carbon - keeping it from being released into the atmosphere.

Do you have - Any - idea of the Carbon stored in 86,138 acres of Mature Hardwood Forest???

Canadian Climate Systems Scientist Paul Beckwith -

"Earth"s Terrestrial Biosphere - exceeded our "Thermal Max" in the last decade.

Photosynthesis declines as temps increase...C3 - Most Plants - 18 degrees C.

Biosphere "synthesizes" 30% of Human made CO2 - By 2040 drop to 15%!!!!

Frontiers in Conservation Science - Journal

"Underestimating the Challenges of Avoiding a Ghastly Future" Jan. 2021

The Title says it all...Yes???

Highlands Conservancy - Nov. 2020 issue

"The National Forest Mapping Project' lays out why special care must be taken with our, "Central Appalachian Highlands" and how we can no longer ignore CUMULATIVE effects on coming "ecological change."

Friends of the Cheat - 2020 "Riparian Restoration in the Cheat Watershed" Pamphlet

"...mature trees protect from flood waters, reduce erosion...As West Virginia is experiencing wetter and warmer weather patterns, flooding events...more common...causing significant...erosion. Tree leaves provide a food source for aquatic insects...eaten by fish...also provide shade to the stream, keeping water cold for...Eastern Brook Trout."

FS biologist's map show all streams in "orange" above normal temps right now!!!!

And Finally -

The Residents of the "Upper Cheat" Do Not Want - or - Agree to - our National Forest Home - being reduced to Lumber Plots!!!

We want the Diversity of a Mature Forest - Not - brush thickets barely habitable to grouse and deer.

With Maybe - 1 Decade - left before the damage from climate change becomes irreversible - We Need Every Large Tree - Now More Than Ever!!!!