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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input especially now as our planet faces environmental consequences of our choices made predominantly by the Baby Boomer generation.

Regardless of where one stands politically, the Jan. 6 attack on the US Capitol, was embarrassing and tragic. As participants work through the courts and investigations are conducted, individual people and systems that "held the line" with doing the right things at the right time are emerging. Corruption, immediate gratification, and self-interests are a constant threat to our way of life and our environment.

I've always thought of USFS employees as those with high integrity who "hold the line" for our trees and landscapes while many Americans push for what they want/personal gain, pushing to the background our environment and climate needs.

I asked that all projects to log, burn, apply herbicide, etc. be reexamined with a long-term and reversing climate change perspective. It's no longer about making the forests a nice place to visit. Our forests are our last safety net against climate change. The USFS must do the right thing and "hold the line" for future generations. Broadly look at taking a more natural approach to more designated areas, managing forests like they really work as opposed to using an economic perspective. Narrow areas of intervention. Leave logging to non-mountainous farmlands where trees can be grown/farmed more economically. Support our mixed hardwood and moist forests. Reduce road access which serves as an attractive nuisance and fosters vehicle abuse and destruction. We are in a new ballgame with climate change. Will you "hold the line?"