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Comments: Given the inestimable value of the forest as a carbon sink, I believe the Forest Service should do everything it can to preserve as many trees as possible. The forest is also of immeasurable spiritual value to all sentient beings, those that live there and those that visit. It is a unified organism, not a collection of individuals.

So, I think the emphasis should be on 1) forest health, and 2) safe access for human visitors. For the most part, the forest can take care of itself. So, eliminating unnecessary roads will save money and protect the forest. The money saved can be used for maintenance, including managing volunteers that want to participate in the forest's protection.

Thank you for your consideration.