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Comments: This huge proposed USFS project will accelerate the cycle of logging --> fire --> logging, leading to the destruction of large swaths of forest.

As shown by Levine, J. I., Collins, B. M., Steel, Z. L., Valpine, P. & Stephens, S. L. Higher incidence of high-severity fire in and near industrially managed forests. *Front Ecol Environ* (2022) doi:10.1002/fee.2499, "The increasing prevalence of high-severity wildfire in forests in the US state of California is connected to past forest management." They found that logging generally makes forest more susceptible to fire. As the USFS, a captured agency, intensively logs our public lands (following the pattern on privately held land) we can only expect further losses of diversity and carbon storage from the landscape.

We know from past experience that the opportunity to comment on proposed plans is made in bad faith by the USFS to provide an illusion of public input. Nothing written here will change the USFS plans in the slightest, but the comments will serve as a foundation for legal action to force the USFS to follow executive orders to protect the forests and the carbon they store.

The USFS must conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement.