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I am concerned that the FS, under "adaptive management," would have carte blanche to remove old growth trees indiscriminately to provide economic incentive to lumber companies for other needed work. Because old growth trees sequester much more carbon than smaller ones, are crucial to forest ecology, and less likely to burn, they should not be cut down.

Also, future site specific restrictions and public input should have to be considered regarding this treatment.

A lot of our tax dollars are in the pipeline for fire risk treatment, and we must ensure they are spent wisely, and that fire treatment reflect the latest fire research data. Current research shows that thinning huge forest tracts beyond the hazardous ignition zone is not productive.

Climate factors and current research should be included in all new projects. Somehow, climate considerations are not even mentioned the current project proposal.