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Comments: As a foresters' son who values the jobs and construction materials provided by logging, I am commenting to say we should certainly continue logging some areas of forest. However, it is crucial to the long term health of our forests (and thus our logging economy) that areas of large diameter trees (mature and old growth) are left. These areas are more resistant to fire, insect/disease infestations and climate change. I would encourage the federal government to require buffers made of these old growth stands to break up every 50 miles (or so) of rotational timber sale land. Also, species diversity is key to mitigating the effects of disease and fire, and thus all plots (including mature forests) should be managed for maximum species diversity.

Thank you for your consideration, Kristian Nattinger