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Comments: I have spent countless days and weeks in the forests of the western US. I love their beauty and the many varied scenes the varying times and seasons provide. Mankind's impact on the forest over especially the last 200 years here in the west is irreversible. We can plant trees, we can harvest trees, but there is no turning back the clock.

With that in mind I believe strongly that our forests should be managed, that there should be areas selected for carefully managed logging and thinning, areas of wilderness left untouched, but always remembering that the impact of large scale wildfires are far worse than man's impact through logging. I spent time in Germany and admired how their undergrowth was often cleared out and the forests were often intermixed with farming and other cleared land. I'd much rather discover the wonders of such a forest than drive through the many burnt out areas that have been destroyed by wildfires that devastated untouched forests.