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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Considering the climate threats we face, the Forest Service should feel the obligation to fulfill 3 new duties toward the forests they guard and love.

First, healthy forests are necessary for the storage of carbon which is thus rendered harmless for the atmosphere and our warming Earth.

Second, the forests have allowed the development of one of the great ecological environments of our planet. The plants and animals which have evolved to flourish there are treasures which are unique and, once lost, will never occur again.

Third, the plant and animal life are going to have to migrate north or to otherwise more favorable habitats. The usual rate of change of climatic conditions has been turbo-charged and it is unlikely that all species will be able to cope with the warming, the new infestations of harmful insects, and the great distances they will have to cover in just a few decades. The Forest Service should kick start this process by experimenting with planting species outside their usual habitat and concentrating on animals that will not be able to accomplish a quick migration, such as those that will have to move from mountain tops in one range to mountain tops in the next range to the north. There are probably many other tasks that affected plants and animal will need help with.

Thank you for your consideration, Jeffrey Panciera