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Comments: I am writing to make sure the USFS and the Agriculture Dept. STOPS logging mature and old growth forests across the US. Carbon storage by these older trees is much more important for our planet and country than any logging for "restoration, fire protection, wildlife enhancement or economic gain. Watershed protection and the worth of these "giants" for sucking up carbon is crucial. There are at least 12 planned logging operations country wide that are NOT considering carbon storage. The State of Washington has been setting aside mature forests for carbon storage and the Federal Govt should do the same. Many private forests have ample timber production without destroying the last remnants of intact forest land cover. Recreation, watershed and wildlife protection is much more important. NO MORE LOGGING IN THESE AREAS!