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Comments: Hello,

I write to emphasize the importance of conserving our remaining old growth trees, in this instance, those potentially harvested as part of the Black Ram project -- in short, these trees are worth more standing than cut down.

Climate change introduces considerable uncertainty into impacts from our conventional understanding over what constitutes treatments for healthy forest management -- to what extent the rule book still applies is being called into question.

What I think we can safely say, however, is that our remaining old growth has weathered much uncertainty prior to our conventional understanding and, if only for that reason, should be considered standing resource to be conserved in the era of climate change.

It seems to me also a further inefficient use of taxpayer dollars to pursue a policy of old growth extraction deep into the back country.

Finally, the days have long past for public land timber harvesting to have an appreciable beneficial affect on our overall supply of forest fiber products -- the Black Ram project appears to make little sense.

Thank you for your work.

Respectfully,
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