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Comments: I have cut timber for 40 years in the west and have watched firsthand the detrimental and misguided efforts of USFS in trying to save old growth timber. It has turned our national forests into nothing more than bug farms I feel. I have witnessed firsthand the harmful effects of these tactics for far too long.

These forests are becoming no growth forests. Our forests are emitting more carbon than they are catching or collecting from the environment because of the dead and dying trees that are not being harvested or let to burn naturally. This policy of defining old growth is not working, there are too many different tree species, creating unique microcosms for this kind of forest management policy to work, it is failing miserably.