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Comments: I am Vice Chair of Oceanside Conservation Trust of Casco Bay. Part of our conservation work includes documenting and measuring the value of carbon store of large trees. Unfortunately, we do not have old growth trees in Maine as are present in the Yaak Valley (MT). The value of the Yaak Valley trees is vital to our battle against climate change and should be preserved and not cut. The science is also quite clear that there is no value in selective harvesting these trees as that creates more fire danger and not less. Thank you,

Bill Stauffer