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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to use a great deal of discretion before approving alteration or removal of juniper/pinyon pine forests, which cover vast areas of the US West, and which, with their amazing longevity, sequester carbon for generations.

These underappreciated and under-studied forests are also critical habitat for a number of bird species, many of which have suffered recent population declines.

Please undertake a detailed landscape-scale inventory of the western forests under review before any decision making.