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Comments: The USFS Mission Statement for the revised 2006 Forest Plan states: "As population of the country rises and demand on the timber, forage, wildlife, and recreational resources increase, the NF provides more and more of the material needs of the individual, the economies of the towns and state, and contribute to the nations strength and well being. Thus the national forests serve the people".
I would like to talk about the the nation's strength and well being. The pentagon released documents a couple years ago (NPR Oct.26, 2021) saying that climate change is a national security risk. The nation's well being depends on lowering carbon emissions. We know that our old growth forests are an important component in mitigating c02. Forests pull 1/3 of human caused c02 out of the atmosphere. The President has given an executive order to end natural forest loss and preserve old growth forests.
How is the TGIRP planning addressing these issues?