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Comments: As an environmental scientist, I examine data to determine whether what is presented as true has been supported by evidence. No factual basis exists for the need to log established forest for the creation of early successional habitat for the benefit of a few species that happen to be game.

There is critical need for established forest to drawdown and sequester as much carbon as soil and biomass as achievable. This favours wildlife abundance and diversity, conserves fungal-plant species symbionts, and keeps irreplaceable ecosystem services that we depend on in perpetuity.

Logging as it is currently conducted is ecologically disastrous. Rather than selective cutting and removal of furniture wood or long-carbon storage lumber products, clear cutting, burning, herbicide application, brush hogging, earth-compressing machinery, removal of biomass are ecologically disasters. They displace/kill wildlife, damage surface infiltration into watersheds, and are a theft of public land and resource.

We hypocritically expect the Amazon and Boreal nations to stop logging. We point to their forests as the lungs and carbon stores of this planet, while building roads to access and surreptitiously deplete New England established woodlands.

I teach 19 year olds. They are freaked out-depressed that this super-rich country reflexively fails them and sacrifices their life support. Lacking access to forest, without a stream, unable to even see stars in the night sky, non-purposeful poor-paying work, leaves them in poverty. We all witness the savaging of the environment through private-sector greed, negligence committed by resource extractors, and facilitation by public regulators. They see the E Palastine sacrifice zone as their legacy of neglect, abandonment, and failure to consider near and long-term consequences. Unless and until we start to consider, special interests will prevail at commanding and pillaging our future and our publicly owned resources.

The EU is doing so much sensible climate and environment protective policy promulgation.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH US, the US? It is decades-past-time to re-evaluate preconceptions about ALL of our ways, how they affect our progeny, our life support system, our fellow creatures. OUR EVERY LANDSCAPE HAS ALREADY BECOME SUCCESSIONAL HABITAT DUE TO HUMAN MODIFICATIONS.