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Comments: Having to respond repeatedly to more assaults on our National Forests by the United States Forest Service is tiresome, consequently USFS hopes the public will weary of the same old same old yet one more time. USFS says it encourages public participation; however, responders to these comment opportunities(?) among the "public" know better. USFS, while paying lip service to the importance of public comments regarding management policies for taxpayer-owned resources, to wit, National Forests, in the end doesn't give a damn what concerns or expressions of clear opposition to an intended practice or action are placed into the record by the citizen owners of these public trusts.

USFS knows the science around forest ecosystems and the services they provide, and they are equally aware of the science around climate change and the extremely beneficial mitigating effects mature forests provide in dealing with this increasingly severe world-wide existential crisis; but nothing changes! The USFS continues on the same hackneyed path of "managing" our National Forests as they would a tree farm, with its monoculture and profit-driven practices, totally ignoring all the aforementioned issues and adamant public opposition to them! Their deafness to public concerns and science is legend, superceded by politics and private interests and influence, the same as always! USFS doesn't "care for the land," nor is it "serving people"; it is a puppet of the larger industrialized bureaucracy of the Department of Agriculture, which is even more removed from the people and land it is supposed to be serving. It is long past the time for these taxpayer supported agencies of the U.S. government to acknowledge the value of the knowledge and importance of citizen involvement in the stewardship of our iconic National Forests! USFS must immediately DO THE RIGHT THING, and cease enabling the wholesale destruction of our National Forests. And to its employees who have a conscience and know what is right when it comes to safeguarding these precious havens of ecological diversity and life-giving inputs to the planet, DO THE RIGHT THING and PUSH BACK against outdated and ignorant policy. In the end, you will be glad you did, and future generations will thank you! You are doing important and valuable work that has long-term value and significance for the well being of many.